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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Emperor of Japan

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends felicitations to Japanese counterpart

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Japanese Deputy Minister and party

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Dec—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received a delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Hiroyuki Ishige of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan at the Government Office here at 3:30 p.m. today.

Also present on the occasion together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein were Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and departmental

heads. Deputy Minister Mr Hiroyuki Ishige was accompanied by officials of Japanese Embassy to the Union of Myanmar.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein shakes hands with Deputy Minister Mr Hiroyuki Ishige of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives the delegation led by Deputy Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan Mr Hiroyuki Ishige.

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Take part in regional development endeavours of the government

Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation is upgrading old railways and building new ones for the public enabling them to travel from one place to another easily and conveniently.

Before 1988, there were only 1,967.35 miles of railroads. As another 1,336.98 miles have been constructed during the time of the Tatmadaw government, the total length has now reached up to 3313.33 miles.

A ceremony to open the Magway-Kanpya railroad, a 7.68-mile section of the Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railway, was held in front of Magway station on 19 December.

The Magway-Kanpya railway line is the first section of 95 miles long new railroad which will link Magway, Natmauk and Pyawbwe. When this new railroad has been completed, people in that region will be able to travel from one place to another easily and trade their local products at lower transport charges. Moreover, a rail network that will facilitate travel by train to Mandalay Division, Sagaing Division, Kachin State, Shan State, Kayah State, Bago Division, Yangon Division and Taninthayi Division will emerge.

For development of the regions on the west bank of the Ayeyawady river, new railways are being built in Magway Division. Now, people can travel by train from Kyangin in Ayeyawady Division to Pakokku in Magway Division and from Pakokku to Kalay in Sagaing Division.

The government is striving for development of the entire Union by building necessary infrastructures for all sectors. Therefore, we would like to call on the entire national people to take part in regional development endeavours of the government.



Aircon, TV, washing machine, GSM-CDMA handset and accessories on display.—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

Advanced Management Course No. 20, International Relations Course No. 10 launched

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Dec—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the opening of Advanced Management Course No. 20 and International Relations Course No. 10 held at the ministry here yesterday morning.

The minister made an opening speech. It was also attended by the deputy minister, secretary and departmental heads of Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee, directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials of departments, course instructors, and

trainees.

A total of 50 trainees are attending the 12-week courses.

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt addresses opening of Advanced Management Course No. 20 and International Relations Course No. 10.—MNA

Changhong, new mobile on show in Electronic and Lifestyle Exhibition 2009

YANGON, 22 Dec—Hte Wah Win Co and New Mobile will exhibit Changhong Air-con, TV, washing machines, and GSM-CDMA handset, fixed phone and accessories in Electronic and Lifestyle Exhibition 2009 to be held at Tatmadaw Convention hall on U-Wisara road here from 24

to 27 December.

Changhong brand Air-Con are available in such types as split type, corner ceiling, ceiling cassette, fan coil (Duct), window, portable, floor standing and air curtain, DC inverter split type air con, air cons in which Japanese branded compressor such as Sanyo, Hitachi, Toshiba and Daikin are installed, washing machines and 50, 42, 32 and 22 inches flat pannel TV and 21 and 29 inches CRT TV will be put on display at Electronic and Lifestyle Exhibition 2009.

The customers will get three years guarantee for Changhong brand Electronics. And they can get 25 percent discount as well as gifts during the exhibition.

The customer may

choose Split type Air Con which has 0.5 Hp, 1 Hp, 1.5 Hp, 2 Hp, 3 Hp and 5 Hp and Window Air Con which has 0.5 Hp, 1 Hp, 1.5 Hp and 2 Hp.

New Mobile will sell a variety of handsets and fixed phones with a dis-

count of K 5,000 to K 30,000. Software, application and entertainment will be installed in phone free of charge. The customer can buy phone with the six month guarantee.

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Tayza journal (Januray) in circulation

YANGON, 22 Dec—The Tayza journal with the photos of rare and bizarre animals on cover page came out. It carries poems, cartoons, articles, long tale written by well known cartoonists, poets and writers. And it also features Waddi Oo's "English For Tayza" section, children's section, puzzles, list of winners in Tayza

journal's essay contest and third prize winning essay.

Those wishing to get the journal may contact No. 181, 32nd Street, here (Ph: 371244) and No. 15, Tatmyay, Moegaung Pagoda Road, 15 Ward, Baukhtaw, Yankin Township, here (Ph: 556273).

MNA

New arms deal could be signed early 2010

Moscow, 22 Dec — Russia and the United States are likely to clinch a new nuclear arms reduction treaty early next year, Russia's top military officer said on Monday.

"We will conclude a new pact at the beginning of next year, although there are some serious difficulties," Gen. Nikolai Makarov, the chief of the General Staff of the Rus-

sian armed forces, said at a meeting with foreign military attaches.

Moscow and Washington have been in intense talks over the past few months in a bid to find a replacement for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START-1), which expired on 5 Dec, Makarov said.

"We have reached agreement on most is-

ssues," the general said, admitting that some issues remained unresolved, especially the telemetry of the missiles.

He added Russia hopes to sign an equal, mutually acceptable agreement that will suit both sides and cover all the issues concerning nuclear deterrence.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said earlier Monday that the nuclear disarmament talks will continue in Geneva in January.

Xinhua



Lebanese soldiers stand at the site of an attack on a bus in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli. Assailants fired on a bus carrying Syrian labourers into Lebanon, killing one person in an attack that took place on the heels of a landmark visit to Damascus by Lebanon's Premier.—INTERNET

Two Taliban dead in Afghan city gunbattle

KABUL, 22 Dec — Police fought a three-hour gunbattle in the centre of an Afghan provincial capital on Monday, finally killing two Taliban militants who stormed a multistorey market with dozens of civilians inside, an official said.

During the shootout, terrified shopkeepers shuttered their doors and residents stayed inside for fear of being caught in the crossfire as army and police rushed to the scene, reportedly backed up by NATO forces. Three civilians and one police officer were wounded in the fighting in the eastern province of Paktia, said the deputy provincial police chief. AP Television News video from the scene after the

operation was over showed a man holding what appeared to be an unexploded suicide vest, but reports differed on how many attackers there were and whether they were wearing explosives.—Xinhua

Afghan police at the site of a battle with Taliban fighters in Khost city in July 2009. Two Taliban gunmen wearing suicide vests and carrying rocket launchers stormed an Afghan apartment block on Monday, sparking a gun battle with police that killed them both, officials said.—INTERNET



British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 22 Dec — A British soldier has been shot and killed in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence said on Monday, in what officials said could have been the result of friendly fire.

The soldier from The Royal Military Police "was killed as a result of small arms fire that happened in the Sangin area, in central Helmand Province, during the evening of 20 December, 2009", the ministry said.

A later statement added that "there is a possibility that the latest death in Afghanistan was caused as a result of friendly fire", and an investigation was underway. No conclusion would be reached until after the inquest, it said.—INTERNET

Bombs kill five in northern city, Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 22 Dec — A suicide bomber attacked the convoy of a city council chief in northern Iraq on Monday, killing the official and three guards, police and health officials said. Violence in Iraq has dropped sharply, but militants still carry out attacks like the one in the city of Tal Afar with regularity.

The slain official, Hussein Akrash, was affiliated with the country's largest Sunni political party, the Iraqi Islamic Party, and was a member of the Turkoman minority. The insurgency, dominated by Sunni Arabs, has often targeted minority groups in addition to officials seen as collaborators with the Shiite-led government.—INTERNET

Policeman killed, eight injured in bomb attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 Dec — An Iraqi policeman was killed and eight people were injured in separate bomb attacks in Iraq's western province of Anbar and Baghdad on Monday, police said.

A policeman was killed when an explosive charge attached to his car detonated and destroyed his vehicle in the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast came as insurgent attacks increased recently in the once volatile province of Anbar, which has been relatively calm for more than two years after Sunni tribes and anti-US militants groups turned to cooperate with the US troops and Iraqi security forces against al-Qaeda in Iraq network.—INTERNET

British army accused of 'waterboarding' in 1970s

LONDON, 22 Dec — Evidence is emerging that the British army used waterboarding during interrogations on prisoners in Northern Ireland during the Troubles, according to a report on Tuesday.

The technique was allegedly used during at least one interrogation of a prisoner who was found guilty in 1973 of murdering a British soldier, a conviction largely based on an unsigned confession, the *Guardian* said.

The jury did not believe his insistence that he made up the confession only because he had been held down by soldiers who placed a towel over his face and poured water

over his nose and mouth to simulate drowning, the newspaper said.

The Criminal Cases Review Commission has now referred Liam Holden's case to the Court of Appeal in Belfast after unearthing new evidence, and because of doubts about the "admissibility and reliability" of his confession, it said.

After a preliminary hearing, the case has been adjourned until the new year.

"At trial Mr Holden gave compelling evidence that the alleged confession was obtained by the army using water torture," his solicitor Patricia Coyle said.

"He spent 17 years in jail. He is looking forward to the court hearing his appeal," she said.

Evidence has emerged of waterboarding by the CIA while interrogating suspects during the so-called war on terror.

INTERNET

A little girl looks at British soldiers as they stand guard at a checkpoint in Belfast in 1976. Evidence is emerging that the British army used waterboarding during interrogations on prisoners in Northern Ireland during the Troubles, according to a report on Tuesday.

INTERNET





Drivers wait to fill their fuel tanks at a gas station in a street in Luanda, Angola, on 21 December.

INTERNET

OPEC eyes market uncertainty at Angola meeting

LUANDA, 22 Dec—OPEC oil producers were set to hold output steady at their meeting on Tuesday, cautiously looking for a strengthening in the market and playing down the prospect of a surge from Iraq's oil fields.

The cartel's most influential member, Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi, said it will hold output quotas unchanged, citing "excellent" crude price levels.

"No change," Naimi told reporters in Luanda, where the ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries were to meet on Tuesday, referring to the emergency quotas brought in a year ago to stabilize oil prices.—*Internet*

Foreign visitors to S Korea expected to approach 8 mln this year

SEOUL, 22 Dec—South Korea expects to see nearly 8 million foreign visitors this year, surpassing its initial forecast for the year, local media quoted on Tuesday the country's tourism committee as saying.

The Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) announced that an estimated 7.81 million foreign tourists are expected to have visited the country by year end, slightly exceeding the 7.5 million target set for this year.

The total growth in foreign visitors this year marks a 13.4 percent surge from last year for the South Korean tourism industry, which is targeting another increase to 8.3 million visitors next year as part of the "Visit Korea Year 2010-2012" programme, the report said.—*Xinhua*

Areva wins 200-million-euro Dubai contract

PARIS, 22 Dec—French nuclear energy giant Areva said on Monday it would supply Dubai with 11 electricity substations for 200 million euros (286 million dollars), as the emirate grapples with a serious debt crisis.

"The order is the largest ever for Areva T&D (Transmission and Distribution) in the United Arab Emirates," Areva

said in a statement.

Philippe Guillemot, chief executive of Areva T&D, called it a "prestigious contract" that would strengthen his company's presence in the region.

The contract is for 11 gas-insulated substations (GIS). Dubai's economy has grown at a rapid rate in recent years, on the back of a real estate boom, but it was hard hit by the global economic crisis



Undated hand-out photo shows a gas-well of Russian gas company Novatek in Yamalo-Nentsky region. Russia on Monday approved a huge increase in the stake held in gas firm Novatek by Swiss-based Russian oil trader Gennady Timchenko, co-founder of the third largest oil trading company in the world.—*INTERNET*

China asks WTO panel to investigate US tariffs on tyres

GENEVA, 21 Dec—China on Monday requested that the World Trade Organization establish an expert panel to decide the legitimacy of punitive US tariffs imposed on Chinese-made auto tyres.

The request was made at a meeting of the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body, which is open to the organization's 153 members. It followed failed consultations between the two countries to find a mutually satis-

factory resolution to the dispute.

In a so-called attempt to "remedy the clear disruption to the US tyre industry," US President Barack Obama in September approved punitive tariffs of up to 35 percent on all car and light truck tires from China.

China quickly denounced the so-called US special safeguard measure as "a wrong practice abusing trade remedies, which runs counter to relevant WTO rules." It filed a

complaint with the WTO on 14 Sept.

At Monday's meeting, the Chinese delegation reiterated that the US restriction on tyres from China "is a compromise to the pressure of domestic protectionism interests."

Xinhua

Developing Asia leads global economic recovery

MANILA, 22 Dec—Developing Asian economies are leading the global recovery from the worst recession since the Second World War thanks to swift government response that allowed the region to keep most of its hard-won economic gains.

Multilateral lenders have upgraded their growth forecast for the

region, impressed by its resiliency amid the meltdown. In its report issued December, the Asian Development Bank raised its GDP forecast for this year to 4.5 percent, up from the September forecast of 3.9 percent.

In November, the World Bank revised its projection for real GDP growth in developing East Asia to 6.7 percent, or 1.3 percentage points higher

than its April forecast.

"Developing Asia, in general, is already on the way to recovery.

The year 2010 should see faster growth compared to this year," Cayetano Paderanga, economics professor at the University of the Philippines and former Philippine Socio-Economic Planning Secretary said in an interview with *Xinhua*.

Xinhua

Russian oil trade magnate boosts gas stake

MOSCOW, 22 Dec—Russia on Monday approved a huge increase in the stake held in gas firm Novatek by Swiss-based Russian oil trader Gennady Timchenko, co-founder of the third largest oil trading company in the world.

The government's commission on foreign investment approved the consolidation of an existing five percent stake in the com-

pany held by Timchenko's Volga Resources fund with a new stake of more than 18 percent.

Government approval is required in all cases where a foreign resident acquires more than five percent of voting shares in a company of national importance like Novatek, the daily *Vedomosti* reported.

Timchenko, who helped set up the world's third largest oil trader Gunvor, is one of the 100 richest Russians, with a personal fortune of 400 million dollars according to the latest annual list compiled by *Forbes* magazine. *Vedomosti* said Gunvor handles one third of Russia's maritime oil exports.

Internet

Picture of the Areva Tricastin nuclear plant construction site taken on May 2009 in Bollene, southeastern France. Areva said on Monday it would supply Dubai with 11 electricity substations for 200 million euros (286 million dollars), as the emirate grapples with a serious debt crisis.

INTERNET



China, Cambodia agree to deepen cooperation

PHNOM PENH, 22 Dec—China will make joint efforts with Cambodia to achieve a win-win cooperation, Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping said on Monday.

“Furthering relations with Cambodia has long been China’s consistent policy,” Xi told Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen during talks.

Hailing the traditional friendship fostered by the leaders of the old generation of the two countries, Xi said China and Cambodia have maintained political trust and fruitful cooperation and support each other in international and regional affairs.

He called China-Cambodia relations

“a good example of sincere cooperation between countries with different social systems.”

Xi put forward a four-point proposal to cement relations with Cambodia, including keeping high-level contacts, strengthening exchanges on country governance, deepening economic and trade cooperation and promoting coordination in international and regional affairs.

Xi said the free trade zone between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) would be completed in 2010, and China and Cambodia should take the chance to push for stable and balanced growth in their bilateral trade.—Xinhua



Snow plows clear the street in Prospect Park in Brooklyn, New York on 20 Dec, 2009. Heavy snowfall blanketed the East Coast on Saturday, disrupting public transport and air travel, and hampering holiday shoppers on the last weekend before Christmas.—XINHUA



Performers form China’s Hunan Province dance in Kuwait City on 21 Dec, 2009.—XINHUA

UN vehicles attacked in southern Lebanon

BEIRUT, 22 Dec—Unknown attackers tore the tyres of several vehicles of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in the southern Lebanese city of Tyre, the *National News Agency (NNA)* of Lebanon reported on Monday. There were no casualties reported yet. UNIFIL Deputy Spokesperson Andrea Tenenti said investigation was underway to find the assailants, according to the report.

Meanwhile, a well-informed source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told local news site Now Lebanon that the Lebanese Armed Forces Intelligence Branch arrested a few people for allegedly being involved in the incident. UNIFIL was mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 1701 to conduct peacekeeping missions in south Lebanon. The Resolution 1701 ended the 34-day war between Israel and the Shiite Lebanese armed group Hizbollah.—Xinhua

12 arrested in New Zealand drug raids

WELLINGTON, 22 Dec—Twelve people have been arrested on drug and firearm charges after raids in the suburbs of Auckland’s North Shore, police said on Tuesday.

Ten men and two women were arrested after six warrants were executed in Northcote, Glenfield and Greenhithe, Detective Sergeant James Watson said.

Among the charges they face are possession and manufacturing of methamphetamine, possession and cultivation of cannabis for supply, and possession of firearms.

Watson said several arrests were made at a clandestine lab operation in Glenfield.

Xinhua

Malaysia Economic Conference to be held next month

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Dec—The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) will hold the 1 Malaysia Economic Conference next month in Kuala Lumpur to discuss the development of new economic model.

The conference, themed “1Malaysia-New Economic Model,” will be kicked off on 14-15 Jan, 2010 at Kuala Lumpur

Convention Centre, said ACCCIM’s statement on its website.

It is designed to bring together experts, entrepreneurs and national legislators to deliberate on the prospects and challenges of Malaysia’s transforma-

tion to become a high income economy as well as to solicit feedback and recommendations in shaping and implementing the 1Malaysia’s New Economic Model, said the statement.

Xinhua

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Two million in South France hit by power cut

PARIS, 22 Dec—Around 2 million people living in southeast France were hit by power cut since Monday afternoon after a technical incident, French power company said.

Due to a technical incident occurred in southern city of Avignon, French Electricity Transmission Network (RTE), an operator of France Electricity Group (EDF), announced in a statement that they will cut power supply to some customers in southeast regions since 14:45 local time.

RTE said the selective cut-off was in order to avoid a massive blackout affecting south departments like Provence, Alpes and Coted’Azur, adding that “2 million people” would be left in darkness.

The company expressed sorry to customers, but it didn’t say how long the regional blackout will last.

Xinhua

Google begins books digitization in French library

BEIJING, 22 Dec—Internet search giant Google began digitizing half a million books from the Municipal Library of Lyon, France, on Monday.

Patrick Bazin, director of the Municipal Library of Lyon, said Google is contracted to scan the books in the library within 10 years.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Monday said its government would spend 750 million

euros (1.07 billion US dollars) to digitally scan the content of its museums, libraries and cinematographic heritage via a public-private partnership.

The Lyon library — whose books are municipal, not national properties — made a call for offers for the digitization project in 2006, only Google offered “an excellent solution.”

The antique books in-

clude a 16th-century edition of predictions by Nostradamus and Isaac Newton’s 17th-century scientific treatise “Principia.”

Under the contract, the Lyon Library will use the digital images of its books for its own purposes but notably cedes to Google the right to exploit them commercially for 25 years. Google in return scans the books for free.

Xinhua



A woman embraces her dog during the 10th Pets contest in Rincon de la Victoria, near Malaga, on 20 Dec, 2009.—XINHUA

Most of 47,000 Filipinos safe from raging volcano

LEGAZPI, 22 Dec—Almost all of the 47,000 residents living on the slopes of a rumbling volcano in the central Philippines have moved to emergency shelters, and lava and earthquakes on Tuesday heralded what officials say could be a major eruption.

Low clouds obscured visibility of the smoldering 8,070-foot (2,460-metre) Mayon, towering over coconut farms and

rice paddies in coastal Albay Province.

"Hazardous eruption ... can happen today or in the next few days," said chief state volcanologist Renato Solidum, adding that an eruption also may not happen. "Nobody has a 100 percent accuracy."

Ash columns were seen rising during a cloud break and Solidum said his team recorded 1,266 volcanic quakes in the last 24 hours, down from

nearly 2,000 the previous day. He said that while the quakes were fewer, they were larger.

The emission of sulfur dioxide — an indication of magma rising inside the volcano — was measured at 6,530 tons per day, slightly less than 7,000 tons on Sunday, but still very high, Solidum said. The normal gas emission is 500 tons per day.

Internet

Brazil's Petrobras and US Halliburton sign cooperation agreement

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Dec—Brazilian oil giant Petrobras and US oilfield service company Halliburton have signed a technological cooperation agreement, Petrobras announced on Monday.

The two companies agreed on three projects: studies on contamination of fluids in oil wells, laboratory simulation of well production, and research

on solidification of salt and carbon dioxide formations, said Petrobras. Twelve other projects are still under negotiation.

The agreement will last three years, and can be renewed for another three years. Petrobras will invest about 15 million US dollars in the projects, the company said.

The agreement would also include the establishment of a Halliburton technologies and solutions center in 2011. The centre, located on Rio de

Janeiro's Fundao island, will be the first Halliburton centre in South America.

Halliburton's operations manager in Latin America, Cidar Mansilla, said the centre will provide a few hundred jobs for Brazilian technicians.

Cooperation between the two companies dates back to the 1960s, when Halliburton helped Petrobras in oil exploration and production in northeast Brazil's Reconcavo basin.—Xinhua



A young boy rides on a tricycle with his family's belongings as residents flee the rumbling Mount Mayon volcano in Albay Province, Philippines on 21 December. —INTERNET

Malaysian police step up sea patrols along border

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Dec—Police in Sabah State of Malaysia have had their alert geared up along the sea border with the Philippines to prevent members of extremist groups from seeking shelter in Malaysia.

The Star, a local daily, reported here on Tuesday that the move taken in the east coast of Sabah followed the fresh violence in southern Philippines that saw over 50 people killed in a stunning election-related massacre.

The daily quoted Sabah Deputy Police Commissioner Senior Assistant Commander One Abdul Razak Ghani as saying that the situation in Sabah State was under control as the police's patrol was tight and the people were working closely with the police on this matter.

Xinhua

19 killed in road accident in India

NEW DELHI, 22 Dec—At least 19 people were killed and 20 others injured when a bus collided head-on with a truck on Monday evening in Guna District of Madhya Pradesh, central India, police said.

The accident occurred around 1700 pm on the Agra-Mumbai highway, said police. Ten people were killed on the spot while the rest succumbed to their injuries on way to hospital, said police.

The injured have been admitted to the Guna District hospital, police said.

Road accident rate in India is among the highest in the world with some 100,000 people killed every year, according to official estimate.—Xinhua

2nd baby beluga born at Chicago aquarium in a week

Chicago's Shedd Aquarium has welcomed a new baby beluga whale for the second time in a week.

The aquarium announced on Monday that beluga whale Naya (NY'-ah) gave birth on Sunday afternoon to a 5-foot, 6-inches male calf that weighs 152 pounds.

Beluga whale Puiji (poo-EE-jee) had given birth to a male baby last week that weighed in at 162 pounds and was 5-feet, 4-inches long.

Shedd senior Vice President Ken

Ramirez says Naya needed some assistance during her birth.

He says the newborn and his mother were briefly separated for observation but are now reunited.

He says the Shedd remains "cautiously optimistic" as officials watch for the pair to bond and nurse.

The calf's father is Naluark, who also sired the baby born to Puiji last week.



Naya, a beluga whale, is seen giving birth to a 5-foot, 6-inches long male calf weighing 152 pounds at John G Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. It is the second time in a week a beluga whale at the aquarium has given birth.

First Jesus-era house discovered in Nazareth

Just in time for Christmas, archaeologists on Monday unveiled what may have been the home of one of Jesus' childhood neighbours. The humble dwelling is the first dating to the era of Jesus to be discovered in Nazareth, then a hamlet of around 50 impoverished Jewish families where Jesus spent his boyhood.

Archaeologists and present-day residents of Nazareth imagined Jesus as a youngster, playing with other children in the isolated village, not far from the spot where the Archangel Gabriel re-

vealed to Mary that she would give birth to the boy.

Today the ornate Basilica of the Annunciation marks that spot, and Nazareth is the largest Arab city in northern Israel, with about 65,000 residents. Muslims now outnumber Christians two to one in the noisy, crowded city.

The archaeological find shows how different it was 2000 years ago: There were no Christians or Muslims, the Jewish Temple stood in Jerusalem and tiny Nazareth stood near a battleground between Roman rulers and Jewish guerrillas.



Reverend Jack Karam, left, stands near Israel's Antiquities Authority workers at the excavation site of the remains of the first dwelling in Nazareth, Israel that can be dated back to the time of Jesus. Archaeologist Yardena Alexandre, unseen, of the Israel Antiquities Authority says remains of a wall, a hideout and a cistern were found after builders dug up an old convent courtyard in the northern Israeli city.

Master's degree at 17 for precocious Austrian

A high school diploma at 15 and a bachelor's degree at 16: precocious teenager Marian Kogler has now become Austria's youngest master's graduate at the age of 17.

Vienna's University of Technology (TU) announced that the young man had completed his master's degree in computational intelligence.

He also holds a bachelor's degree in software and information engineering, and has now embarked on a doctorate in computer science at the TU.

The son of a writer and an administrative assistant, Kogler could read and write at the age of three. Part of his master's research has been presented at international conferences and published in scientific journals, according to his professor Rudolf Freund.

NEWS ALBUM



A visitor looks at an electronic book during the 29th Paris' Book Fair, March 2009. A French court has told Google that it cannot digitise French books without the publisher's approval and ordered the online giant to pay 300,000 euros (430,000 dollars) in damages.—INTERNET

Suspicious white powder sent to police office not toxic

WELLINGTON, 22 Dec—Suspicious white powder that was sent to the police office in central Wellington was not toxic, police said on Monday.

The Infringement Bureau was evacuated and one woman had to be decontaminated after the powder was discovered in an envelope just before 10 am, *The New Zealand Press Association* quoted

police spokeswoman Elizabeth Young as saying. ESR scientists have since revealed the substance was not hazardous.

Police were now conducting a scene investigation in the building in Cuba Street's Terralink House, Young said.

An investigation has been launched into who had sent the envelope.

The ground floor of the

building was sealed off and the woman staff member who opened the letter was put through a decontamination shower.

She was then sent to Wellington Hospital's emergency department as a precaution, Young said.

The bureau is responsible for issuing speed camera tickets and other driving related fines.

Xinhua

Peers influence teen boys to get tan

WACO, 22 Dec—Teen boys are more likely to use tanning booths, take diet pills and have their bodies waxed if their peers think it is a good idea, a US researcher says.

Dr Jay Yoo of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, says the study also shows boys ages 12-17 focused more on how their skin appears to oth-

ers — tone, texture and colour — than on other aspects of their appearance, including body shape, when they were influenced by peers.

Yoo studied 155 boys, with an average age of 14.3 years, in seven schools in the eastern United States.

"I studied what kids are teased about," Yoo says in a statement. "If anyone

looks different, people tease you. Probably boys who have acne would become really self-conscious. There are cultural differences, but smooth skin is highly desired, and that may translate into other parts of the body."

Skin tone also can represent the class of a person, Yoo says.

"Skin that is dark brown or bronze is more ideal than pale, Yoo says.

"Tanning as a fashion trend is a relatively new phenomenon," he says.

Internet



Huang Ping, an applicant for a programme to teach Chinese in primary and secondary schools overseas, performs tai chi at her interview on 20 Dec, 2009.—INTERNET

Blast at Press club in Pakistani city of Peshawar

PESHAWAR, 22 Dec—A blast went off on Tuesday outside a Press club in the Pakistani city of Peshawar but there was no immediate word on casualties, police and witnesses said.

"There was a blast at the gate of the Press club," said a *Reuters* reporter in the northwestern city.

Police said they were investigating.

Internet

Thalidomide victims to get compensation

LONDON, 22 Dec—The British government said it will give \$32.3 million to a trust intended to help those individuals whose lives were impacted by thalidomide.

Sky News online said on Sunday the Department of Trust funds will be dispersed during three-year period to the Thalidomide Trust with the intent of 463 surviving

thalidomide victims in the United Kingdom.

Thalidomide was prescribed to pregnant women in the United Kingdom during the 1960s and '70s. The drug, intended to curb morning sickness and insomnia, caused children to be born with limb deformities and other conditions.

Sales of thalidomide ended in 1961 following

the discovery of the drug's connection to the infants' afflictions.

Sky News online said Distillers Biochemicals, which distributed thalidomide in the United Kingdom, paid nearly \$45.2 million in compensation to thalidomide victims in the 1970s. The payment came after a legal battle with several victims' families.—Internet



Several children observe the skeleton of Shastasaurus, a special species of ichthyosaurus, in an exhibition held at the Zhejiang Museum of Natural History in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 20 Dec, 2009.

XINHUA

S Korea to attempt second space launch in 2010

SEOUL, 22 Dec — South Korea will put together a plan to attempt the second firing of the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), its first locally developed space rocket, local media on Monday quoted a report to President Lee Myung-bak as saying.

Initially described as a "half success" by local officials and engineers, KSLV-1 is currently under examination by the South Korean government to find the cause behind its failure to launch properly in its first attempt on

25 Aug, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology said in the report.

The report also said its engineers are taking all possible measures to ascertain a successful second launch scheduled for the first half of 2010.

The two-stage rocket, also called *Naro-1*, is the country's first space vehicle to be launched from

South Korean soil that could possibly place a 100 kg scientific satellite into Earth's orbit.

Following the successful launch of KSLV-1, developed in cooperation with Russia, South Korea will work on the construction of KSLV-2, a rocket developed without requiring any outside assistance, the report said.

Xinhua



A general view of Angel Falls in southeastern Venezuela on 23 Aug, 2009. Angel Falls measures 979 metres (3,212 feet) and is the world's highest waterfall. Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez renamed Angel Falls saying it should be called by its indigenous name Kerepakupai Meru.—INTERNET

Triumphant elite physicians worthy of high honour

Khaing Thitsar (Psychology)

Now, it is in December ushering in the cold season. Flowering plants are with masses of blooms on them, thus adding to the beauty of the natural world.

In December, junior military leaders who win my admiration as well as that of the public are on graduation. Actually, Tatmadaw members (servicemen) are all born of the people. As for me, I love my mother country. So, I love Tatmadaw members who defend their motherland at the risk of life, as well as the Tatmadaw. Therefore, I never fail to watch on TV at home graduation parades of Defence Services Academy, Defence Services Technological Academy, and Defence Services Medical Academy that take place in December. It is very heartening to view cadets in white suit undergoing parade in synchronization. As a parent of a cadet, I have ever attended a graduation parade of the Defence Services Medical Academy. To be a parent of such a triumphant elite is, indeed, an honour beyond words.

In the early December, PyinOoLwin saw graduation parades of Defence Services Academy and Defence Services Technological Academy. The thought that there would soon be the graduation parade of the 11th Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy evoked my memories of the graduation parade of the 10th Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy held on 26 December 2008.

At 6 o'clock in the morning, the cadets had taken positions in the gathering point. At 7 o'clock in the morning, the cadets marched towards the parade ground, singing in chorus the song "Triumphant elite physician" to the accompaniment of the military band.

Watching the cadets marching with vigour and in synchronization, my heart swelled with pride, with the thought, that the cadets were reliable, well-educated triumphant elite physicians. And I remembered a group of words said by a war veteran that I have ever read in a book that "Tell my sons (young men) who are going to join army that army is the very military academy where young men can become noble ones if they exactly follow the military code of conduct". "That is for sure," I murmured.

Although my son got high marks in the matriculation examination enough to join University

of Medicine (1), he complied with the wishes of his parents, who love the Tatmadaw, by choosing the Defence Services Medical Academy. His friends who were also qualified to join University of Medicine (1) persuaded him to join the university, saying, "Why don't you join University of Medicine (1) together with us? Your elder sister is already in University of Medicine (1). If you join University of Medicine (1), there is no extra pressure on you." However, he did not change his mind, and tried to achieve his goal. The path he had chosen was the most suitable one for him. Now, he can take immense pride in his achievement as a kind-hearted, well-educated triumphant elite physician due to his unwavering spirit and perseverance.

Like me, other parents of the graduate officers were with big smiles in the graduation parade. Putting on with great pride the morning suit, he had kept in the iron box since his retirement from the Tatmadaw, said, "I have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity again since my retirement because my son has completed the officer training course." At that time, a thought immediately struck me that there was a saying "Parents are held responsible for their children's sins", but clever children bring dignity to their parents.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe together with General Thura Shwe Mann and senior military officers arrived at the parade ground at 7.30 am. I murmured, "My son, how heartening it is to witness that the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services graces the graduation parade with his presence."

It was worthwhile to listen to the speech of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief. **In his speech, the Senior General said that the graduate officers were military doctors, so they were mainly responsible for giving health care to Tatmadaw members and their family members in the regiments and units that they would be posted to; that in addition, they had to provide health care for local people, irrespective of race, religion, and status; and that in implementing the social objective "Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation", the graduate officers had to serve the interest of the people, while taking part in the national health plans adopted by the government.**

In conclusion, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services urged the graduate officers to try their best to uphold Our Three Main National Causes and to become reliable medical officers with physical and mental prowess in accordance with the motto "Triumphant elite physician"; to keep in touch with development about modern wars from the warfare and medical point of view in order to be ready for national defence; and to take an active part in community health care in the posted regions to build consolidated national unity.

The speech of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspired me to take great pride in the graduate officers. They have been conferred medical degree, reaping the reward of efforts to study hard the medicine and warfare. They will soon have to assume charge of their duties as medical officers. A physician is to be endowed with five qualifications—goodwill, kindness, compassion, sense of sacrificing spirit, and passion. Besides possessing the five qualifications, a Tatmadaw medical officer has to adhere to the mottos "Healthiness and fitness to engage in combats" and "Treat the sick with kindness and compassion" in treating the sick to achieve the goal of the Defence Services Medical Unit.

Furthermore, they are Tatmadaw members fully endowed with the three capacities who uphold the four oaths, one of which is "I solemnly take a vow to sacrifice my life in the interest of the country, the people and the Tatmadaw" in doing their bit in national defence duties. To put it another way, Tatmadaw medical officers have to shoulder two major duties: the duty of a medical doctor, and the duty of an army officer.

It was on 2 May 2008 on which unprecedentedly strong Cyclone "Nargis" hit hard Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Division, leaving a huge number of people and farm animals dead, and many people injured. In the aftermath of the catastrophe, members of the Defence Services Medical Unit engaged in the rescue and relief tasks with goodwill, sacrificing self interests in the interest of the victims in accordance with the fine tradition of the Tatmadaw. Tatmadaw medical officers gave health care and epidemic vaccination to the survivors day in, day out in the storm-hit areas such as Pyapon, Bogale and Labutta, making routes and braving harsh weather. Their humanitarian services were witnessed by local people. **Thanks to the efforts of the members of the Defence Services Medical Unit made with zest and zeal, not only the people but also international watch teams recognized Tatmadaw members' goodwill and loyalty to the nation and the people.**

I feel a glow of pride whenever I think of Tatmadaw medical officers well-versed in the art of medicine. So, I write this article as a gesture of honouring triumphant elite physicians who are going to complete their course in December in which Tawwin, royal flowering plants, are in full bloom.

Translation: MS

Tell my sons (young men) who are going to join army that army is the very military academy where young men can become noble ones if they exactly follow the military code of conduct.

Myanmar delegation back from Denmark

NAYPYITAW, 22 Dec— The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, which represented Myanmar at the United Nations Climate Change Conference High-Level Plenary Sessions held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 16 to 18 December 2009, arrived back here by air on 19 December.

The meeting focused on

the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on further Commitment for Annex I Parties under Kyoto Protocol to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its fifth session and outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention. The

minister addressed the Conference on the evening of 17 December 2009.

He conferred with Chairman of European Commission, as well as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden Mr Carl Bildt, and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark Dr Per Stig Moller at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Copenhagen, Denmark, at



Minister U Nyan Win attends United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.—FOREIGN AFFAIRS



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay being welcomed by Military Attache Senior Colonel Nguyen Van Vui of Vietnam and wife at the reception to mark 65th Anniversary of Vietnamese People's Armed Forces Day in Yangon on 22 December.—MNA

1:30 pm on 17 December. They held discussions about relations between EU and Myanmar.

Delegation members

— Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Thant

Kyaw, and Head of Section (2) U Htin Lin Maung arrived back on the same flight.

MNA

Maday Dam meant to help improve socio-economic life of local farmers

Byline & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*



The left tributary under construction is meant to irrigate some 1000 acres of summer paddy.

(from page 16)

In setting up the irrigation system, the construction of the main canal had been completed nearly cent per cent. And the right irrigation system had been completed cent per cent. The dam will be able to supply irrigation water to 1000 acres of summer paddy fields by next summer. The left main canal is under construction. Staff officers of the project said that they would complete it by 2010-2011 fiscal year. They explained that they

were supplying irrigation water, diverting the current.

The main canal is 10 miles long, and the total length of tributaries, 47.8 miles long, and the structures along the canals amount to 296. The dam will irrigate farmlands in Kanma Township only. The township's average annual rainfall is enough for growing monsoon paddy, so all irrigation water is just for growing summer paddy.

With an average annual rainfall of 45.06

inches, the region grows mostly chick pea, pigeon

pea, groundnut, sesame and other crops.

The average annual inflow of water into the dam is 91,100 acre feet. Its maximum water storage capacity is 54,000 acre feet, dead storage capacity, 10,000 acre feet, and its maximum water surface area, 960 acres.

The dam irrigated 157 acres of summer paddy in 2007-2008, and 240 acres of summer paddy in 2008-2009. The target for 2009-2010 is to irrigate 1000 acres of summer paddy.

The whole irrigation system will be completed by 2010-2011, and then it will be able to benefit 4000 acres of summer paddy.

Upon completion, the irrigation facility will be able to benefit 4000 acres of monsoon paddy in the rainy season, and 4000 acres of summer paddy in summer, totalling 8000 acres. It will also help grow sesame, groundnut, pigeon pea and chick pea as mixed crops.

Kanma Township is on the western bank of the

Ayeyawady River in Magway Division. Mostly, local people live on agricultural farming. Thanks to Maday Dam, local farmers will be able to cultivate monsoon and summer paddy in all the paddy fields in the whole irrigated area, and launch the triple-cropping pattern. So, local farmers have a prosperous future and higher living standard.

Translation: MS
Kyemon: 21-12-2009



The construction site of the left main canal.

Large genetic variance in skull, limb bone

LONDON, 22 Dec—Understanding the differences between skull and limb bones could lead to new ways to treat or prevent osteoporosis, British scientists said.

Scientists at Queen Mary, University of London, examined the two types of bone cell to learn more about why skull bone remains tougher than limb bone during aging.

The results suggested the differences are set early in life, probably when bone is still forming in the womb, university biologist Simon Rawlinson said in a release on Monday.

In a study of active genes in the two types of cells, 1,236 genes — about 4 percent of the genome — showed different levels of activity, a star-

ting difference between skull and limb bone, Rawlinson said.

The results could lead to a greater understanding of why limb bones weaken when not maintained by weight bearing exercise, while skull bone remains remarkably resistant and bears almost no weight, he said.

Internet



Ships anchor in Angola's Luanda harbour on 21 December. The OPEC oil producers' cartel will hold output quotas unchanged at its impending meeting due to be held on 22 December.—INTERNET

Sino-French ties gain momentum with energy, aviation cooperation deals

BEIJING, 22 Dec—Premier Wen Jiabao proposed on Monday to advance China's economic and trade relations with France to a new level as the two countries unveiled a nuclear energy joint venture and inked two deals on aviation cooperation.

"We should take the opportunities of tackling the international financial crisis, climate change, energy security and other global challenges, and change our ways of thinking and deepen cooperation to advance bilateral economic and trade relations to a new level," Wen told visiting French Prime Minister Francois Fillon.

"We should follow the opening and win-win principles, oppose trade protectionism, and take effective measures to help bilateral trade resume growth at an early date," Wen proposed.—Xinhua



The exterior of the Emperor jewellery shop on Canton Road in Hong Kong on 22 December. INTERNET

People can trick mind to do hated things

CHICAGO, 22 Dec—People tend to approach pleasure and avoid pain, but humans can trick the mind into doing beneficial things they don't like, US researchers suggest.

Aparna A Labroo of the University of Chicago and Jesper Nielsen of the University of Arizona in Tucson say human incli-

nation is to avoid — or try to avoid — anything immediately aversive even though it may be beneficial for us in the long term.

"We tend to infer that something is good based on the bodily sensation of approaching it or bad based on the sensation of avoiding it," the research-

ers say in a statement.

However, the authors demonstrate an approach often used to try to cure phobic patients — asking them to mentally simulate approaching the objects they fear — can also create more favourable evaluations of "yucky" products and behaviours.

Internet

Some insects able to survive freezing

CHICAGO, 22 Dec—A microscope the size of a football field near Chicago is being used to study why some insects can survive freezing, researchers said.

The Advanced Photon Source and its high-energy X-rays are filming the formation of ice and the freezing of insects for a study at the University of Western Ontario, Canada.

"We're comparing *Chymomyza amoena*, an insect native to Ontario that survives freezing, with *Drosophila melanogaster*, because they're very close relatives," university biologist Brent Sinclair said.

The work is important because melanogasters — common fruit flies — share much of the same genetic makeup as humans and finding a way to

freeze and revive them is a priority of researchers worldwide, Sinclair said.

So far, Sinclair's team has learned that some insects freeze at higher temperatures than others, which implies the ability to survive freezing may be cellular or biochemical in nature rather than because of structural differences, the university said in a release on Monday.—Internet

Brain activity exposes broken promises

ZURICH, 22 Dec—University of Zurich researchers say they have discovered the physiological mechanisms in the brain that underlie broken promises.

Dr Thomas Baumgartner and Professor Ernst Fehr, both of the University of Zurich, and Urs Fischbacher, a professor at the University of Konstanz, said the promise is one of the oldest human-specific behaviours promoting cooperation, trust and partnership. Although promises are generally not legally binding, they form the basis for a great many everyday social and economic exchange situations.

The researchers carried out a social interaction experiment using a brain scanner in which the breach of a promise led both to monetary benefits for the promise breaker and to monetary costs for the interaction partner.

The researchers found increased activity in areas of the brain playing an important role in processes of emotion and control accompany the breach of a promise.

This pattern of brain activity suggests breaking a promise triggers an emotional conflict in the promise breaker due to the suppression of an honest response.

The study was published in the journal *Neuron*.—Internet

Shop sale fetches record price in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 22 Dec—A company run by Hong Kong's best-known entertainment mogul has paid a record 108 million US dollars for a shop in one of the busiest shopping districts, a report said on Tuesday.

The sale of the 1,212 square foot outlet comes as the city's government tries to contain soaring property costs due to fears they are getting out of control.

The price works out to about 90,000 dollars per square foot, making it the city's most expensive retail space, the *South China Morning Post* reported, quoting an unnamed source.

"It is unknown if this is now the most expensive shop in the world, but obviously it's a record in the city," real estate agent Lawrence Wong told the daily newspaper.

The shop in Hong Kong's busy Tsim Sha Tsui district houses luxury retailer Emperor Watch & Jewellery, which is run by music tycoon Albert Yeung, the *Post* said.

Yeung's Emperor Entertainment Group has contracts with a host of Cantonese pop stars who claim legions of fans in the city of seven million.

An Emperor subsidiary, which had been leasing the space, bought the property because of "the investment value of the location and a basic need for the shop," the source told the paper.

Internet



Airplanes standing on the snow-covered tarmac at the airport in Duesseldorf, western Germany. The death toll from winter storms across Europe rose to at least 80 as transport chaos grew amid mounting anger over the failure of Eurostar high-speed trains.—INTERNET

China, Venezuela vow to boost bilateral cooperation

CARACAS, 22 Dec—A two-day meeting under the framework of the Sino-Venezuelan Senior Mixed Committee was kicked off here on Monday to boost bilateral cooperation.

A delegation of around 200 Chinese officials led by the chairman of China's National Development and Reform Commission, Zhang Ping, met with all the Venezuelan

ministers at the meeting.

During the meeting, both delegations will discuss bilateral issues and cooperation in economy, agriculture, financing, culture, energy, mining and space technology.

Zhang stressed the mutual trust between both countries and mentioned the success of bilateral cooperation in areas such as energy, agriculture and science.

Zhang also said that despite the great distance between both nations, their ties have enjoyed a good development particularly after the two countries established their strategic partnership for common development in 2001.

The Mixed Committee was an important mechanism to improve bilateral communication and coordination in different sectors, Zhang said.—Xinhua

Doctors warn of festive binge drinking

BEIJING, 22 Dec—Doctors have warned that celebrating Christmas and New Year's Day could seriously damage one's health, especially those who like to go binge drinking during the holidays, according to news reports on Tuesday.

John Heyworth, an emergency doctor at Southampton General Hospital in England said that during every Christmas without fail people would see the same illness. Festive cheers could leave people in pain. In every party, people drink more units of alcohol than usual

with joyful atmosphere. Heyworth said, "People are likely to burn themselves on the oven as they carve the heated pies, particularly if they have been drinking alcohol."

Alcohol-related problems are responsible for 22,000 premature deaths a year in Britain. Doctors suggest that men should drink no more than 21 units of alcohol a week and women 14 units a week, emphasizing it includes the four to five weeks in the holiday season. Binge drinking may also cause serious stomachaches, warned doctors.—Xinhua



Indian workers at a Honda car plant in Greater Noida, some 60kms from New Delhi, in September 2009.

Japanese automaker Honda announced on Monday it would unveil a new small car targeting emerging market consumers at an auto show in the Indian capital next month.—INTERNET

Vaccine blocks malaria transmission

TOKYO, 22 Dec—A nasal vaccine that blocked transmission of malaria from mice to mosquitoes someday could prevent malaria in people, scientists in Japan said.

The experimental vaccine, which contained parasite antigens, blocked the ookinete-to-oocyst phase in the malarial life cycle in which the ma-

larial parasite is fertilized in the mosquito's body, the scientists wrote in the December issue of the journal *Infection and Immunity*. Mosquitoes that stung and sucked blood from the nasally vaccinated mice were unable to pass malaria to other living beings because the fertilization cycle had been interrupted.

Children in developing countries often are at high risk of infection and death from Malaria. Antimalarial drugs and insecticide-treated bed nets have reduced the rate of malaria, but vaccines are needed for eradication of the infectious disease, the American Society for Microbiology said.

Internet

Women involved in sports may be healthier

ITHACA, 22 Dec—US researchers say women who participate in sports are at lower risk of breast cancer.

This was only one of the many benefits of women's sports and fitness programmes in the report entitled "Her Life Depends on It II."

Study leader Ellen Staurowsky of Ithaca College says the report findings included:

— Females participating in sports and fitness programmes are also at significantly lower risk for osteoporosis and depression.

— Girls and women in sports programmes are less likely to smoke, do drugs and become teenage mothers.

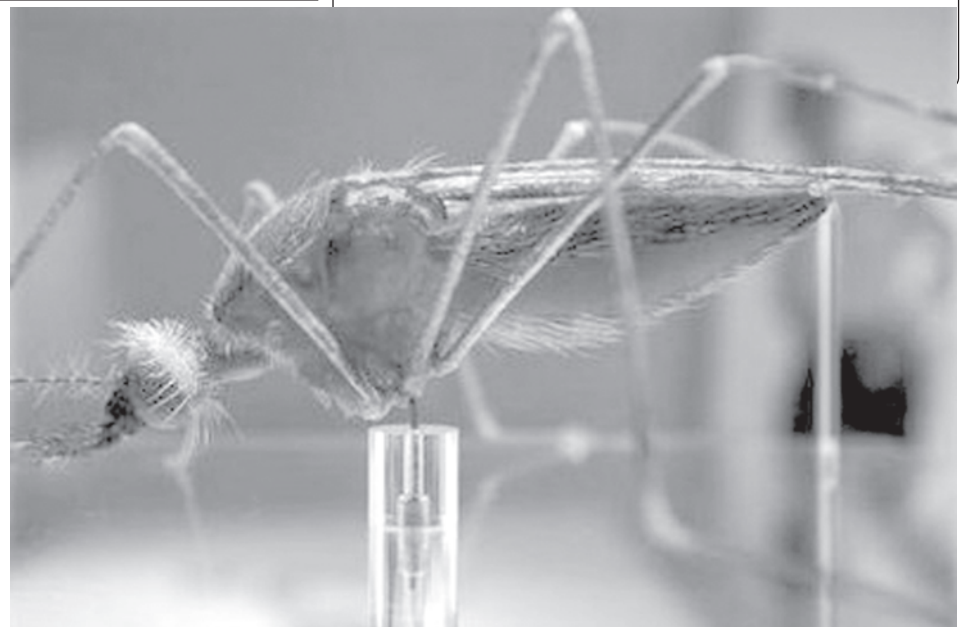
— Minorities and women from lower socioeconomic backgrounds generally participate less in athletics and fitness programmes and also disproportionately suffer from poor health.

"The importance of participation in sports for girls, from an early age, and throughout their lives cannot be underestimated," Staurowsky say in a statement.

The report released by the Women's Sports Foundation, expands on a report released in 2004 and includes over 2000 studies. The foundation in East Meadow, N Y, was founded by Billie Jean King.

Internet

A file photo of model of an Anopheles mosquito in the new Darwin Centre at the Natural History Museum, in London, 8 September, 2009. Interfering in mosquitoes' sex lives could help halt the spread of malaria, British scientists said on Tuesday.—INTERNET



Kid cellphone use depends on gender

BIRMINGHAM, 22 Dec—US sociologists say there's a gender divide in the extent of cellphone feature use among children.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham research team says children of both genders make calls and use text messaging — with girls averaging 2 hours on the

cellphone each day and boys averaging about 1.8 hours per day.

However, boys are more likely than girls to use the multimedia potential of the phones, such as playing games, sharing pictures and videos, listening to music and sending e-mails.

"It has a lot to do with gender socialization," re-

searcher Shelia Cotten says in a statement.

Boys tend to see and use the cell phone as a gadget while girls are more likely to treat the phone as a contact list, Cotten says.

Cotten advises parents planning to get their child a cellphone to focus first on age and maturity level.—Internet

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

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11 killed by cold weather in Romania

BUCHAREST, 22 Dec—A week-long blizzard in Romania caused 11 weather-related deaths, the country's Health Ministry said on Monday.

The ministry also warned people to avoid exposure to cold, to dress warmly and to eat protein-rich food. It said elderly people, especially those suffering from heart and respiratory problems, should steer clear of trips and crowded places.

The National Meteorology Administration announced that temperatures would start to rise from Tuesday.—Xinhua

Cold weather kills 27 in Ukraine

KIEV, 22 Dec—A five-day-long heavy snowfall caused 27 weather-related deaths, the Ukrainian Health Ministry's Press service said in a statement on Monday.

"Eleven people froze to death in Donetsk region, three each in Luhansk and Volyn regions, two each in Sumy, Kherson and Cherkasy regions, and one each in Ivano-Frankivsk, Kirovohrad, Rivne and Chernivtsi regions. Seven of them died at home in Donetsk region and one in Ivano-Frankivsk region," said the statement.

"A total of 671 people asked for medical aid due to frostbite, and 465 of them have been hospitalized," added the statement.

Severe winter weather slammed Ukraine last Thursday, heavy snowstorms and freezing temperature caused electricity blackouts in 158 cities and villages, blocked more than 7,000 people in traffic jams and forced airlines to delay flights. The National Meteorology Administration announced that temperatures would start to rise from Wednesday. —Xinhua



People walk under heavy snowfall in central Kiev, on 20 Dec, 2009. —XINHUA

Reliance Industries discovers gas in KG basin

MUMBAI, 22 Dec—Energy major Reliance Industries said on Tuesday it had made a gas discovery in one of its exploration blocks in the Krishna Godavari basin off the country's east coast.

The potential commerciality of the discovery was being evaluated through more data gathering and analysis, Reliance Industries said in a statement.

Reliance Industries holds a 90 percent interest in the block, which covers an area of 3,288 square kilometres, and Hardy Exploration and Production India holds the rest.—Internet



Reliance Industries KG-D6's facility located in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh is pictured in this undated handout photo. Energy major Reliance Industries said on Tuesday it had made a gas discovery in one of its exploration blocks in the Krishna Godavari basin off the country's east coast.—INTERNET

Shanghai subway resumes operation after collision



Technicians look at a damaged train in a subway station after a power system breakdown and a subsequent collision of two trains in Shanghai on 22 Dec, 2009.—XINHUA

SHANGHAI, 22 Dec—A Shanghai subway line that was closed early on Tuesday after a system failure and subsequent collision of two trains, has reopened, subway authorities said.

The two trains, coded 150 and 117, both moving slowly, collided at 7 am after a short circuit caused a power system breakdown in Shanghai Subway Line 1, said a spokesman with Shanghai Shentong Metro Co, Ltd (Shentong), which operates the line.

Train 117, which was empty, left the site at 10:17 am after repairs. But the removal of Train 150 was delayed until 11 am when the passengers trapped inside were rescued, the spokesman said.

He gave no details on how many people were in the train.—Xinhua

Paris train derailment reportedly injures 17

PARIS, 22 Dec—At least 17 people were injured when a car of Paris regional express train (RER) derailed late Sunday, the French National Railway Station said on Monday.

The derailment occurred at around 20:40 Paris Time (1940 GMT) in Paris' southern region of Choisy-le-Roi, and forced many other trains to be rerouted, the national railway station said in a statement.

The train didn't turn over but slipped off of the tracks after hitting a concrete block. Some local media

said 17 people were slightly injured, but others put the injured number at 36. The accident added to the French railway's miseries, which have already been troubled by a strike on RER line A and the suspension of Eurostar trains bridging the Manche Channel.

The strike on the RER line A, which links eastern and western Paris, moved into the 12th day on Monday, with only half of the usual trains available.

Troubles with the Eurostar trains, which



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trapped more than 2,000 people over the weekend when two trains stalled inside the tunnel, made no progress on Monday. The company announced that it would launch an "independent review" into the problems and promised further updates.—Xinhua

Study shows heart rehabilitation sessions boost survival

BEIJING, 22 Dec—New research in US shows that cardiac rehabilitation sessions designed for senior citizens who have been diagnosed with heart disease can decrease the possibility of getting an emergency heart attack, according to news reports on Tuesday.

After looking at 30,000 Medicare patients over 65 years of age who attended at least one cardiac rehabilitation session in the

past few years, researchers have found that the more sessions they take part in, the more years they can live up to.

The chief researcher Bradley G Hammill said in a statement that the researchers were not surprised that patients who attended more rehabilitation had better outcomes. He also stated that they needed to encourage physicians to recommend cardiac

rehabilitation to eligible patients and they needed to encourage those patients to attend and stay with it.

However, the senior biostatistician at the Centre for Clinical and Genetic Economics at Duke Clinical Research Institute in North Carolina said only one in five in the nation attend these sessions, and of those who do join the sessions, few get the sessions recommended.

Xinhua



A man cycles across Duomo square during a snowstorm in Milan on 21 Dec, 2009. Duomo's Gothic cathedral is seen in the background. The death toll from winter storms across Europe rose to at least 80 on Monday as transport chaos spread amid mounting anger over the three-day failure of Eurostar high-speed trains.—XINHUA



An aerial view of the Burj Dubai, the world's tallest tower, in Dubai on 21 Dec, 2009. State-owned Dubai World did not ask creditors for a standstill on \$22 billion of debt at a meeting on Monday, adding to uncertainty for investors who have been in the dark for weeks and hurting local bank shares.—XINHUA

Oceans noisier, acoustic environment harmful to marine life

BEIJING, 22 Dec—The world's oceans are becoming noisier because of pollution and the altered deep sea's acoustic environment is potentially harmful for marine life, US scientists said in a report quoted by media on Tuesday.

The report published in the journal *Nature* said the concentration of chemicals that absorb sound in the oceans has dropped off due to ocean pollution.

According to the report, low-frequency sound is absorbed mainly through the viscosity of the water and the presence of certain dissolved chemicals, but the chemicals' concentration has reduced as a result of ocean acidification, caused by rising concentrations of carbon dioxide.

By using model simulations, the scientists found that increases in acidity could reduce seawater sound absorption by as much as 60 percent by 2100 in high latitude oceans. Concern about the negative effect of the sea's acidification has previously been concentrated on the reduced rate of calcification, such as in coral reefs. "However, a less anticipated consequence of ocean acidification is its effect on underwater sound absorption," said the scientist behind the report Tatiana Ilyina of the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

Xinhua

Research by N Zealand scientists to help cancer early diagnosis

WELLINGTON, 22 Dec—A research published by a team of Wellington scientists offers exciting new possibilities for earlier cancer diagnosis and treatment, the Cancer Society said.

Victoria University professor Richard Tilley had led a team of scientists to make tiny particles, or nanoparticles, which are able to seek out and destroy cancer cells before they grow into tumors, *The Dominion Post* reported on Tuesday.

The nanoparticles, called quantum dots by the team, emit light so that doctors can see where the cancer cell is. The Cancer Society's medical director, oncologist Chris Atkinson said it was wonderful that such innovative research had been conducted in New Zealand. Though the makeup of different kinds of cancers varied, the findings could lead to earlier diagnosis of cancers that currently were not picked up until much later, he said.—Xinhua

Climate change causes 24% reduction in Andean glacier surface

LA PAZ, 22 Dec — The surface of the glaciers at the Real Mountain Range in the Andes has been reduced by 24 percent, about 84 square km, from 1987 to 2004 due to climate change, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) reported on Monday.

According to the UNFPA representative in Bolivia, Jaime Nadal, the disintegration process will continue affecting mainly the snowy mountains of Bolivia and Peru, leading

to a critical situation due to thawing glaciers.

Nadal said that in Bolivia, the loss of the glaciers in Huayna Potosi and Chacaltaya has caused a problem for the water supply in the cities of La Paz and El Alto.

"The glaciers that used to supply large amounts of

clean as well as crystal-clear water to those communities have been sharply reduced in the last 15 to 20 years," the UNFPA said. The UNFPA added that demographic control is very important to avoid tragic results of the climate change.

Xinhua

Scientists discover dinosaur with venomous teeth

BEIJING, 22 Dec—A team of Chinese and US paleontologists have discovered a species of dinosaur, living some 125 million years ago in northeast China, could deliver poison via its fangs to help it hunt down its prey. Prof Gong Enpu, of China's Northeastern University, who led the team, told *Xinhua* on Tuesday that the discovery held clues to how organisms have evolved to produce toxic substances.

Gong and his colleagues including paleontologist Larry Martin found that the dinosaur, *Sinornithosaurus* had unusually long grooved teeth on its upper jaw, similar to modern rear-fanged snakes and lizards. They also found a place on the lateral surface of the dinosaur's upper jaw that could have housed a venom gland. During their research, the length of the teeth puzzled Gong and his colleagues.—Xinhua

A growing skyline of new buildings in Beijing stands before Ritan Park where people are gathered in a traditional Chinese pavilion atop a hill, on September 2009. China will target eight percent economic growth next year as the government maintain's pro-growth policies aimed at fighting the global turn-down, a top minister said Monday.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Marta wins fourth consecutive FIFA award

ZURICH, 22 Dec—Brazilian women's football star Marta won the FIFA world player of the year award for the fourth consecutive year here on Monday.

Marta, who plays professionally for Los Angeles Sol, thus becomes the record winner of the honour awarded by football's world ruling body.

American Mia Hamm won the inaugural women's award in 2001, winning again in 2002.

Germany's Birgit Prinz then picked up the award three years in a row from 2003-2005.—Internet



Marta of Brazil shows her trophy after receiving the FIFA Women's World Player of the Year 2009 soccer award during a ceremony in Zurich on 21 Dec, 2009. XINHUA

Nakamura ponders future on Espanyol bench

TOKYO, 22 Dec—Japan's midfield dynamo Shunsuke Nakamura, struggling to earn playing time at Espanyol, says he plans some soul-searching after missing two straight La Liga matches, Japanese media reported Tuesday.

Espanyol beat Almeria 2-0 at home on Sunday when manager Mauricio Pochettino used three midfield substitutes, but not the 31-year-old Japanese dead-ball specialist who joined the Barcelona outfit from Celtic in June.

"It feels great to win," Nakamura told Japanese media after Espanyol ended a five-game losing streak. But he added: "After seeing the substitu-



Japan's midfield dynamo Shunsuke Nakamura

tions ... I feel compelled to think about many things."

He did not elaborate but Japanese sports dailies took his comment as a hint of his readiness to ponder his future with Espanyol ahead of next year's World Cup finals in South Africa.—Internet

Essien gets Nations Cup nod, but Appiah, Muntari out

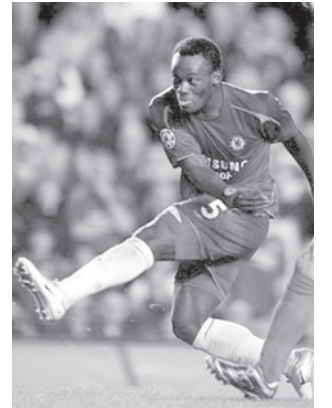
PARIS, 22 Dec—Chelsea midfielder Mickael Essien has been named in the Ghana team for next month's African Nations Cup but captain Stephen Appiah has been left out along with Sulley Ali Muntari.

Essien, 29, limped off with a hamstring injury during Chelsea's 2-2 draw against APOEL Nicosia earlier this month, and is not certain to be in top form for the 10-31 January tournament.

Like Essien and Gyan Asamoah, Inter Milan midfielder Ali Muntari

refused to play in a friendly against Angola on 18 November but has been punished for disciplinary reasons after failing to pay a fine.

Internet



Chelsea midfielder Mickael Essien

Hubnik loaned by Moscow to Hertha Berlin



Czech international Roman Hubnik

PRAGUE, 22 Dec—Czech international Roman Hubnik has been loaned by FC Moscow to Bundesliga club Hertha

Berlin for six months with an option to buy, his agent told the CTK news agency on Monday.

"Hertha have reached agreement with the Russian club on a six-month loan until 30 June, 2010 with an option to buy for three years," said Pavel Zika. Hubnik, 25, was already loaned by the Russian first division club to Czech outfit Sparta Prague at the beginning of 2009.—Internet

Barcelona's Messi named World Player of the Year

ZURICH, 22 Dec — Barcelona and Argentina striker Lionel Messi was crowned World Player of the Year by world football's ruling body FIFA on Monday.

Messi, whose goals this year helped Barcelona win the Champions League final and World Club Cup final, thus succeeds Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo as the world's top player, as voted by national team captains and coaches.

Messi has played a huge role in the recent success of Spanish giants Barcelona, who have won a total of six trophies in the past season including the Champions League title and the World Club Cup trophy last week.

The Argentine forward's talents were given the ultimate thumbs-up earlier this month when he was voted the winner of the Ballon d'Or for the European Footballer of the Year.—Internet



Argentina's Lionel Messi (L) receives the trophy from the hands of FIFA president Swiss Sepp Blatter after being named FIFA World Player of the Year during the World Player Gala 2009 in Zurich.—INTERNET

Henin gains wildcard to Sydney International

SYDNEY, 22 Dec—Former world No. 1 Justine Henin will extend her tennis comeback in Australia after officials announced Monday she has been granted a wildcard entry to the Sydney International.

Henin is due to make her official return to the WTA circuit, after an 18-month absence, at the Brisbane International

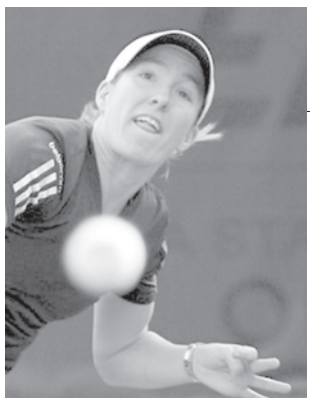
tournament that starts on 3 January next year.

She will now play in the 10-16 January Sydney event which serves as a lead-up to the Australian Open starting in Melbourne on 18 January.

"I have a lot of happy memories of Sydney and have won the title three times, so I am looking forward to returning in January as part of my preparation for the Australian Open," Henin said.

Internet

Belgium's former world number one Justine Henin returns the ball to Russia's 20th ranked Nadia Petrova during an exhibition match earlier this month in Cairo.—INTERNET



New Zealand's players are seen during a recent training session.—INTERNET

New Zealand to play Mexico in World Cup warm-up

WELLINGTON, 22 Dec—New Zealand will play Mexico in March as part of the buildup to their first World Cup finals appearance since 1982, according to officials.

The minnows' match against the world's 17th-ranked side will be played in Los Angeles on 3 March, in the first of up to six warm-up matches for the finals in South Africa, New Zealand Football said.

New Zealand will take on world champions Italy, Slovakia and Paraguay in Group F at the World Cup, and national coach Ricki Herbert said the Kiwis had been keen to face a Latin American team in the build-up.—Internet

Levein on brink of Scotland job

GLASGOW, 22 Dec—Craig Levein could be appointed manager of the Scotland national side on Tuesday, according to British media reports.

Sky Sports News reported Monday that Dundee United boss Levein had held "positive talks" with senior Scottish Football Association (SFA) officials aimed at ironing out his remaining contractual concerns.

Levein, 45, has been the favourite to succeed George Burley since Rangers manager Walter Smith ruled himself out of a return to the Scotland job, and he indicated that he is seriously considering a switch to international football.

The United boss confirmed last week he would be holding talks with the SFA, saying: "The one thing I can say is I'm 100 percent interested in being Scotland manager.—Internet



Scottish national football team players training in 2007.—INTERNET

New Zealand farmers guilty on cow cruelty charge

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, 22 Dec—A New Zealand court convicted two farmers on an animal cruelty charge on Tuesday for impaling a live cow with a tractor's fork.

The two North Island men had shot an ailing Hereford cross cow last year to slaughter it and told authorities they thought it already was dead when they speared it with the tractor. But a policeman later noticed that the animal was still alive, and it was able to stagger away when released from the tractor fork.

Farm owner Ronald Frew and farm manager Geoffrey Donald, both 43, were found guilty in Taihape District Court of ill-treating a cow, Radio New Zealand reported.

Judge Gerard Lynch said the two men had failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure the animal was dead before it was impaled, and imposed fines of 750 New Zealand dollars (\$528) for each man. The pair were cleared of the more serious charge of willfully ill-treating the cow.

Internet



File photo of an Indochinese tiger. A man who shot dead a rare tiger in southwestern China was sentenced to 12 years in prison and fined 580,000 yuan (85,000 dollars), state media reported on Tuesday.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (23-12-2009) (Wednesday)

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

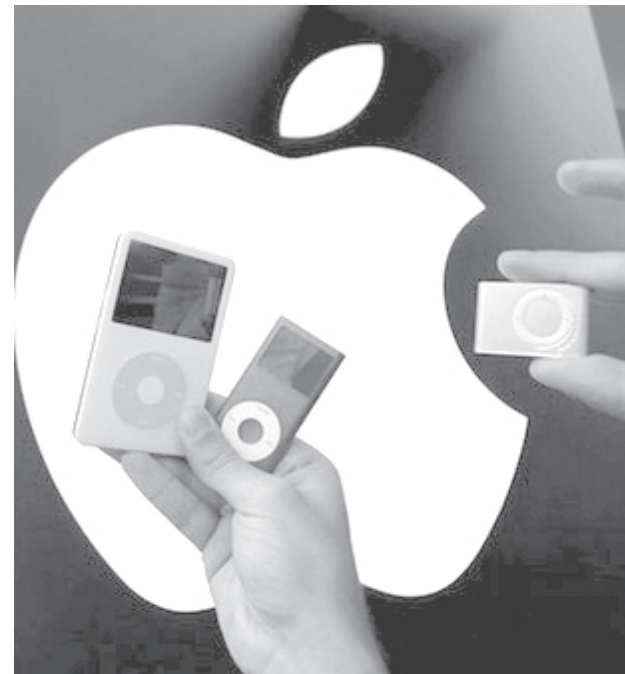
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Kyainge Tong with Much Attraction
- * Bottle gourd painting
- * Myanmar DVD
- * Splendour by the Sea, Ngwe Hsaung
- * Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments (Brass gong)(Maung Saing)
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- * The Fortress City beside the Ayeyawady
- * Poem Garden "School is over"
- * Shopping with Torch-Light
- * Culture Stage
- * Chin State Endowed With Progress
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Traditional Banana Shrine Art
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



File photo shows the new Apple iPod Shuffle, right, next to a Red iPod Nano, center, and 60GB iPod, left, at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif.

INTERNET

WEATHER

Tuesday, 22nd December, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in lower Sagaing and Yangon Division, (5°C) below December average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Division, (8°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-4°C), Loilem (-1°C), Namhsam (1°C), Heho, Pinlaung and Mogok (3°C), Machanbaw, Lashio, Mindat, Katha and Pyin Oo Lwin (5°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 21-12-2009 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 22-12-2009 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-12-2009 was 68%. Total sun shine hours on 21-12-2009 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-12-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.69) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (17:30) hours MST on 21-12-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23rd December 2009: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan States and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

Stage of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-12-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-12-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-12-2009: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar



Wednesday, 23 December View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိုလ်ကလေး တင်အောင်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:00 am

7. အကျိုးပြုအားမာန် ဆည်ရေလှောင်တံ (ရင်းရှည်)

8:10 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

9. "သတင်းတောင်း"

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:15 pm

3. Dance Of National Races

4:20 pm

4. Classical Songs

4:30 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာ ရေးရှင်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်(ရူပဗေဒ၊ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ၊ရက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

4:45 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

7. "အိုးဝိုင်အိမ်ဝိုင်"

5:10 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:25 pm

9. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm

10. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:30 pm

14. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:00 pm

15. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

7:30 pm

16. အလင်္ကာဝတ်ရည်မြန်မာမှု တေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International News

19. Weather Report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

21. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "ဒဏ္ဍာရီ"

- (ခင်ဝိုင်းထွန်းထွန်းနိုင်၊ မေသန်းနု) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်တင်ဦး)

22. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား

- ကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ

- မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း

- တရားတော်

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Maday Dam meant to help improve socio-economic life of local farmers

Byline & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*



Maday Dam with its control tower in Kanma Township, Magway Division.

The government has been constructing dams one after another in the western parts of Magway Division for adequate supply of irrigation and potable water and improving the socio-economic life of local people. Maday Dam Project was put into action in Kanma Township, Thayet District, in 2003-2004 fiscal year, and inaugurated on 25 February 2007. With a water storage capacity of 54,000 acre feet, the facility benefits some 4000 acres of farmlands.

Recently, our news crew visited Construction Group (2) under the Irrigation Department in Pyay. On our way to Maday Dam, we traveled 21 miles

from Pyay to Taungup along the road section; 28 miles to the north of Okshitpin along Patheingyi Road. After proceeding for about three and a half miles, we arrived at Maday Dam near Gyobin Village.

We witnessed that the dam project had been completed cent per cent, and so had the tasks for the outlet conduit and the spillway. As to construction of the spillway dam, the groundwork had been completed for 1900 of 40,000 cubic feet of earth.

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INSIDE

Triumphant elite physicians worthy of high honour

The speech of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspired me to take great pride in the graduate officers. They have been conferred medical degree, reaping the reward of efforts to study hard the medicine and warfare. They will soon have to assume charge of their duties as medical officers.

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