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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Local people to maintain roads and bridges including Cyclone Shelters built by the State for their durability

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects progress of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 in Mawlamyinegyun Township, disaster preparedness measures in Labutta Township

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads

and officials, left Patheingyi by helicopter yesterday morning and arrived in Mawlamyinegyun at 8.30 am.

They were welcomed there by departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

The Prime Minister delivered an address at the opening ceremony

of Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 in Mawlamyinegyun Township and unveiled the stone plaque.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Yazudaing Bridge No.1 being built by Bridge Construction Special Group (1) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction in the township.

The Prime Minister viewed construction of bore piles and piers on the bank of Mawlamyinegyun and gave necessary instructions.

Next, he looked into progress of the bridge by boat.

At the briefing hall in Kyaikpi, the Prime Minister inspected construction of the bridge again.

On arrival at Thitpok Village of Labutta Township, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. The Prime Minister and officials cordially greeted them.

The Prime Minister looked into progress of Cyclone Shelter and the

lake being built by Myat Noe Thu Co. After hearing the reports of officials, the Prime Minister attended to the needs.

At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister heard reports presented by village officials. In-charge of the region Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe gave supplementary reports.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister urged those present to maintain the roads and bridges including Cyclone Shelters built by the State for their durability, to cooperate with officials for ensuring correct sown

acreage and yields of crops to receive necessary assistance to be provided by the State, local people to actively take part in the public welfare tasks under the supervision of the village elders and to organize the parents for enrolment of their school-going children at the respective villages.

In Pyinsalu of Labutta Township, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

The Prime Minister inspected progress of Cyclone Shelter built by Max Myanmar Co and inflow of fresh water into the lake, and left instructions on timely completion of construction tasks.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects construction of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Irrigation water essential for boosting crop production

The government is seeking all possible ways and means to supply adequate water essential for agricultural farming.

In order to meet the target, the government has been constructing dams, sluice gates, and underground water tapping stations. To be exact, so far, it has built 228 dams, 322 river water pumping stations and 7962 underground water tapping stations and rebuilt a large number of small dams and lakes. Those irrigation facilities benefit over 3.6 million acres of farmlands.

Bawdi Tahtaung Dam near Laygyun Sakkyā Standing Buddha Image in Khatakkān Village, Monywa Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, was put into commission on 31 December 2009.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has been constructing dams in various sizes for economic growth, regional development, boosting production of crops, and regional greening, one of which is Bawdi Tahtaung Dam.

The dam contributes towards the greening of nearby regions, irrigates some 100 acres of farmlands, and supplies 30,000 gallons of irrigation water and potable water a day.

In response to the government's fulfillment of requirements for further improvement in the agricultural sector, farmers should work hard to boost agricultural production to enhance national economic development by efficiently utilizing irrigation water and choosing quality and high-yield strains of crops.

Global pure edible oil on display at Yangon Expo' 2010



Global brand groundnut oil and sesame oil on display at Yangon Expo' 2010.—MNA

YANGON, 10 Jan—Smart Business Group stages Yangon Expo' 2010 from 9 am to 6 pm daily at Tatmadaw Conventional Hall on U Wisara Street here, which continues tomorrow for the last day.

Displayed at the pavilion of Aye Chan Myay General Trading

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People's Desire

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

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects development tasks in southern Shan State



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspecting Mongnawng People's Hospital.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and departmental personnel, visited People's Hospital of Mongnawng on 7 January.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing comforted the patients and provided them with cash assistance and refreshments. He also furnished medicines to the hospital. He then met with township level departmental

officials, and senior citizens at General Administration Department.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with officers, rank and file and their families at the local station and presented periodicals and cash assistance to them. On 8 January morning, he comforted patients at People's Hospital in Kehsi and provided cash assistance and refreshments to them. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing then inspected beautifying works and development of Kehsi.—MNA

Myanmar-Bangladesh Volleyball Friendly on 12 Jan

YANGON, 10 Jan—A coordination meeting on holding of Myanmar-Bangladesh Friendly Volleyball Tournament to be held at National Indoor Stadium-1 from 12 to 18 January was held at the Sports and Physical Education Department here on 8 January.

It was attended by Secretary General of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thung Htaik



and those of SPED, Vice-President U Thein

Ministry of Health.

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Vice-President U Thein Win explains about Myanmar-Bangladesh Volleyball Friendly.

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Win of Myanmar Volleyball Federation and others.

The director-general called for successful holding of the tournament. The vice-president elaborated on arrangements for the

tournament.

Myanmar-Bangladesh Friendly Volleyball Tournament will be held on 12, 14, 16, 18 January at 3 pm at National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna).

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Palestinians reject US call for resuming peace talks

GAZA/RAMALLAH, 10 Jan — The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) on Saturday rejected a US call for resuming the stalled peace talks with Israel without preconditions, demanding a full settlement freeze in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Meanwhile, Gaza Strip ruling Hamas movement warned the PNA against any resumption and cautioned that Israel will be the only beneficiary of the peace talks.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told *Xinhua* in a telephone interview that it is unacceptable, "since the US administration's calls don't include a total freeze of settlements in the West Bank and occupied East Jerusalem, and don't include a timetable for resuming the talks."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

on Friday said that the United States is working with Israeli and Palestinian authorities, as well as Arab states, namely Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, to resume the peace negotiations "as soon as possible and without preconditions." Clinton made the remarks after meeting Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Nasser Judeh, adding that Washington is to renew its commitment and increase efforts in persuading the parties to return to the talks.

The two officials called on the Palestinians and Israel to tackle the thorny issues of borders and the status of Jerusalem first, saying resolving the two issues would automatically resolve the dispute over Jewish settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, a major obstacle in the peace process.—*Xinhua*



Vehicles that provide people with services are seen in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Autonomous Region, 9 Jan, 2010. Some companies and activists in Urumqi donated money to buy 555 vehicles. These vehicles were put into use on Saturday in several communities to provide citizens with services. — XINHUA

Japanese children look at their work made by LEGO bricks as part of the Dream City building event produced by LEGO education in Tokyo last year. Danish toy maker Lego is seeking to build a presence in the world of multiplayer online games with the release of a new videogame called *Lego Universe*.—INTERNET



Sunday Mirror's Rupert Hamer killed in Afghan blast



Rupert Hamer.—INTERNET

KABUL, 10 Jan — Sunday Mirror defence correspondent Rupert Hamer, 39, was embedded with the US Marine Corps when his vehicle was hit by a bomb near Nawa in Helmand. The father-of-three's Mirror colleague, photographer Philip Coburn, 43, is in a serious but stable condition.

A US Marine and an Afghan soldier were also killed in the blast on Saturday. Four US Marines were seriously injured. The journalists had flown to the region on New Year's Eve for a month-long assignment.—*Internet*

Bomb explodes outside Greek parliament, no injuries reported

ATHENS, 10 Jan — A home-made time bomb exploded outside the Greek Parliament on Saturday evening in an unprecedented terrorist attack, which caused no injuries and only minor damage.

It was the first time a guerrilla group placed a bomb just 30 meters from the Parliament in the centre of Athens. Fifteen minutes before the blast at around 8 pm local time (1800 GMT) on Saturday evening, there had been a warning call to a local newspaper.

Police managed to evacuate the crowded Syntagma Square in front of the Parliament. Only the presidential guards standing at the nearby monument of the Unknown Soldier didn't

evacuate the area.

Counterterrorist experts, who rushed to gather evidence from what was left from the explosive device and footage from surveillance cameras, estimate that the attack was meant to be mostly symbolic.

Greek far Left groups who have stepped up attacks since December

2008, after the fatal shooting of a teenager by police fire, have threatened with more attacks against political and financial targets.

Police were on alert, because on 12 Jan the socialist new government which has promised a tough antiterrorist policy celebrates its first 100 days in office. —*Xinhua*



Police stand guard at the cordoned off area outside the Greek Parliament in Athens, capital of Greece, 9 Jan, 2009. —XINHUA

Roadside bomb kills one, wounds five outside Afghan capital

KABUL, 10 Jan — A roadside bomb struck the vehicle of a politician in Paghman District, 20 km west of Afghanistan's capital Kabul on Saturday, killing one person and wounding five others.

The explosion targeted the vehicle of Mohammad Rafi Tahiri, a candidate for the provincial council of Wardak Province, at 10:30 am local time, killing one of Tahiri's bodyguards and injuring five others, but Tahiri escaped unhurt," a Press release issued by the interior ministry said.—*Xinhua*

Roadside bomb kills one Afghan police, wounds another

KABUL, 10 Jan — A roadside bomb struck a police van in Taleban birthplace Kandahar in south Afghanistan on Saturday morning, killing one police constable and wounding another, an official said.

"The blast occurred at 11:00 am local time when the police vehicle ran over a mine planted next to Mirwais hospital in Kandahar city, the capital of Kandahar Province, leaving one police dead and injuring another," a doctor at the hospital Abdul Wali told *Xinhua*.

Wali also said that the injured police had been taken to the hospital for medical treatment.—*Xinhua*

Suicide bomber struck before pat-down

KABUL, 10 Jan — A Jordanian doctor was able to kill five CIA officers at an Afghan base because of violations of basic security standards, sources told *The Washington Post*. Humam Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi set off explosives as a US security guard approached him to conduct a pat-down search. The meeting at a base in Khost Province was supposed to provide information on finding and killing Ayman al-Zawahiri No 2 man in al-Qaeda.

Balawi had worked for the CIA as an informant and agents, hoping he would provide valuable information on al-Qaeda, tried to balance respectful treatment with security needs. But sources who did not want their names used said such meetings should be kept small and untested double agents should not be trusted. Balawi left a videotape, released on Saturday, in which he called for revenge for a Taleban leader who died in a US drone strike in August. "We will always demand revenge for him inside America and outside," Balawi said.—*Internet*



Attendees look at products from Microsoft Corp at their exhibit at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, on 9 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

Garuda Indonesia to go public in Q1 this year

JAKARTA, 10 Jan—Indonesia's state airline firm PT Garuda Indonesia will go public in the first quarter of this year, the *Jakarta Post* reported on Sunday.

"Let's pray for positive market response, so that the shares that we sell will meet our target," State Enterprises Minister Mustafa Abubakar was quoted as saying by the report.

Garuda will privatize 25 percent of its shares to

raise 300 million US dollars it needs to buy new planes and improve services.

Garuda's President Director Emirsyah Satar said the company would purchase nearly 50 planes to strengthen its fleet of 67 planes by 2014.

The national flag carrier is one of three state enterprises that will go public this year. The other two companies are steel

producer PT Krakatau Steel and construction company PT Pembangunan Perumahan.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 9 Jan, 2010 shows tug boats fully-loaded with coal, passing through a ship lock at Yangzhou, a key hinge of the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal, east China's Jiangsu Province. The authority of the grand canal of Yangzhou section inaugurated urgently a green pass for those coal boats to relieve the coal shortages for electricity production as the snowfall and cold weather blanketed many parts across the country.—XINHUA



Iberdrola wins bid for British wind farm contract

MADRID, 10 Jan—Spanish energy group Iberdrola Renovables said on Friday it had won a joint bid with Sweden's Vattenfall to build "one of the biggest offshore winds farms in the world" in Britain.

The amount of the deal was not disclosed but the Spanish business paper *elEconomista* said it could be about 20 billion euros (28.5 billion dollars).

Iberdrola Renovables, the global leader in wind power, made the bid through its affiliate Scottish Power Renewables, which it acquired in 2007.

The wind farm, which would have an energy capacity of 7,200 megawatts, would be built in the North Sea off East Anglia, Iberdrola Renovables said in a statement.

Internet



Scroby Sands offshore wind farm in Norfolk, is pictured recently. Spanish energy group Iberdrola Renovables said on Friday it had won a joint bid with Sweden's Vattenfall to build "one of the biggest offshore winds farms in the world" in Britain.—INTERNET

China overtakes Germany as biggest exporter

BEIJING, 10 Jan—China overtook Germany as the world's biggest exporter after exports rose in December for the first time in 14 months, data showed on Sunday, in a new sign of the rapid Chinese rise as a global economic force.

Chinese exports in the last month of 2009 jumped 17.7 percent from a year earlier, the state Xinhua News Agency and government television said. That made total exports for the year just over \$1.2 trillion, ahead of the 816 billion euros (\$1.17 trillion) forecast last month for Germany by that country's foreign trade organization, BGA.

Economists and Germany's national chamber

of commerce said earlier it was likely to lose its long-time crown as top exporter. China's new status is largely symbolic but reflects the ability of its resilient, low-cost manufacturers to keep selling abroad despite a collapse in global consumer demand due to the financial crisis.

China's politically sensitive trade surplus

shrank by 34.2 percent in 2009 to \$196.07 billion, Xinhua said. That reflected China's stronger economic growth, driven by a 4 trillion yuan (\$586 billion) stimulus, and demand for imported raw materials and consumer goods at a time when demand in the United States and other foreign markets is weaker.—INTERNET



A worker stands in front of containers at the newly open Yangshan deep water port in Shanghai, China. China has overtaken Germany as the world's biggest exporter after December exports rose 17.7 percent despite weak global demand. — INTERNET

Shanghai targets economic growth rate of 8% in Expo year

BEIJING, 10 Jan—Shanghai has set a GDP growth rate target for the year of more than 8 percent, almost the same as 2009's economic development rate.

Party Secretary Yu Zhengsheng yesterday announced the target at a one-day session of the Shanghai Committee of the Communist Party of China.

He added the growth rate of value-added output from the service industry should be much higher than the GDP rate. The city didn't set a higher GDP goal because it wanted to put more effort into restructuring the economy than simply seeking more GDP growth, Yu told the meeting.

The city's GDP growth was estimated to be more than 8 percent last year, a little lower than the average national level. Total retail sales of consumer goods rose by about 14 percent and growth of fixed assets investment was around 10 percent in 2009.

Yu said the targeted rate was a suitable development speed for Shanghai, which was hit by the global financial crisis during its economic restructure transition. He told the session that the World Expo 2010 Shanghai was the most important task for the government this year.

Internet

Pirates set deadline for British captives

MOGADISHU, 10 Jan—Somali pirates have set a deadline for ransoming a British couple, threatening to kill Paul and Rachel Chandler if their demands are not met within two months. The couple were captured in October as they sailed their yacht, the *Lynn Rival*, from the Seychelles to Tanzania. Their

captors originally demanded \$7 million for their release, although the figure was later reduced, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

The Daily Mail quoted a pirate who identified himself as Noor. "We are giving an ultimatum of two months from 1 Jan," he said. "If we are not paid \$3 million we are ready to shoot them. It is becoming too expensive to hold these people. By March, they have to decide or we will be done with them." The couple live in Tunbridge Wells in Kent. Chandler, 59, is a retired surveyor and his wife, 55, an economist. Since they were brought to Somalia, the Chandlers have been held on land.—Internet



All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Bangladesh to reinforce its polio-free status

DHAKA, 10 Jan—Bangladesh will immunize more than 22 million children under the age of five on Sunday to reinforce its polio-free status by providing two drops of polio vaccine during the 18th National Immunization Day (NID).

All children aged 0-5 years will be given two drops of polio vaccine, all children aged 12-59 months will be given one vitamin A capsule and children aged between 24 and 59 months will be given one de-worming tablet during the NID.

More than 600,000 volunteers and field workers from Health and Family Planning Ministry

will work in 140,000 vaccination sites across the country.

Administering Vitamin A capsule for prevention night blindness and de-worming tablets during NIDs would be an added advantage for the children of Bangladesh.—Xinhua

Trainees and coaches dressed as characters in the movie Kungfu Panda perform at the Russia Shaolin Wushu Learning Centre in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 8 Jan, 2010.—XINHUA

Classic cars stand on display in a classic car show in Mar Del Plata, a famous tourist resort in Argentina, on 5 Jan, 2010. The exhibition featured classic cars from various eras and manufacturers.—XINHUA

China to launch first radio programme hosted by HIV carriers

BEIJING, 10 Jan—HIV carriers will join professional anchors to host a radio programme for China's nationwide audience, scheduled to be broadcasting on China National Radio(CNR) as of 16 Jan.

The programme, the first of its kind in China, will be broadcast live from 9 pm to 10 pm on Saturdays on the CNR's Business Channel, and the au-

dience can also listen to the program online at www.cnr.cn and www.sohu.com. The programme, namely "Positive Talks", will feature communication between hosts and audience, and experts will also be invited to publicize knowledge on HIV/AIDS and prevention and control of the disease, Yang Wenyan, deputy editor-in-chief of CNR, told

the start-up ceremony here on Saturday.

Yang said he expected the programme to give more "attention, care and support" to China's HIV-infected people. Jointly produced by CNR and non-profit organization Marie Stopes International China, the programme is expected to cover about 300 million people in 60 cities.—Xinhua



Five climbers killed by avalanche in Russia

Moscow, 10 Jan—Bodies of five climbers killed by an avalanche in the Russian North Caucasus republic of Kabardino-Balkaria have been found by rescuers on Saturday, local media reported. A group of nine novice mountaineers from Moscow and St Petersburg

were swept by a snow slide in the Khulamo-Bezengi canyon on Friday noon when they were climbing the 3,700-metre Gedantau peak.

One climber was immediately killed, another four managed to find their way out and reported the incident, while the re-

maining four had been missing, said a local emergency spokesman. By Saturday afternoon, all five bodies have been recovered, he said.

"The fifth body was discovered at 2:05 pm Moscow time (1105 GMT)," he said.

Xinhua

Flood kills one, in West Java, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 Jan—One person was killed, two others missing and more than 100 people taking shelter after flood hit Pasuruan of West Java, Health Ministry said on Sunday.

The flood submerged houses, health facilities and other infrastructures in the area since Friday, head of crisis centre of Health Ministry Rustam Pakaya said.

Indonesia has been frequently hit by flood and landslide during the wet season which occurs from December to April.

Xinhua

37 injured in bus accident in central Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 Jan—As many as 37 people were injured, five seriously, when a passenger bus met with an accident at Budol of Banepa along Araniko Highway in central Nepal near the capital Kathmandu on Saturday evening.

According to Sunday's *The Kathmandu Post*, the Kathmandu-bound bus veered off the road and fell down leaving about three dozen passengers injured, police said.

The injured passengers are undergoing treatment at local hospitals, the daily said.—Xinhua

Small plane crashes into shallow waters in NY, no injuries reported

NEW YORK, 10 Jan—A small private plane on Saturday crashed into shallow waters of the Great South Bay of Long Island, the US state of New York, local police said.

There were no injuries or fatalities.

The incident occurred 30 feet (9.144 meters) off shore in 4 feet (1.219 meters) of water about 1,000 feet (304.8 meters) east of Browns River Road, Bayport, but in the jurisdiction of Sayville, about 1 pm EST, a Suffolk County police

spokeswoman told Xinhua.

The communities are on Long Island's south shore, about one hour's ride from downtown New York City.

"There were two people on board the single engine plane," the spokeswoman said. "They got themselves out and swam/walked to shore. It was shallow water. There were no injuries."

The cause and other details of the accident were not available.

Xinhua

A girl admires a piece of oil painting works exhibited at the Suzhou oil painting and sculpture show in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 9 Jan, 2010.—XINHUA



Heavy snow brings travel chaos in Germany

BERLIN, 10 Jan — Severe winter weather continues to disrupt travel in Germany, forcing the cancellation of more than 200 flights, and contributing to road accidents. At Frankfurt airport, 226 flights were cancelled and hundreds of passengers stranded as snow ploughs struggled to clear runways.

Residents have been advised to stock up on enough essential supplies to last up to four days. Many other countries across Europe have also been hit by the bitter conditions. Nearly 140 people have frozen to death in the past few weeks in Poland, and in Switzerland, heavy snow has cut the flow of lorries through

Alpine tunnels.

The Eurostar service between Britain, France and Belgium ran a limited service on Saturday, with a reduced service planned for Sunday and Monday. Passengers have been urged to cancel or postpone their journeys if they do not have to travel.

Internet

US warns of attacks on Uganda-Sudan planes

KHARTOUM, 10 Jan — The US Embassy in the Sudanese capital Khartoum has warned of a possible attack on Air Uganda planes. The embassy said it had information that US travelers faced a potential threat between Juba in Sudan and the Ugandan capital, Kampala. But the Sudanese Foreign Ministry said the threat was "not serious".

Sudan is on a list of 14 countries where US-bound passengers will be subjected to extra searches following the attempted plane bombing last month. Other Sudanese officials said they had known of a potential threat for some time. The AFP news agency re-

ported that one plane en route to Juba was diverted as a precaution.

In a statement, the US Embassy said it had "received information indicating a desire by regional extremists to conduct a deadly attack on board Air Uganda aircraft" on the Juba to Kampala route. The embassy said the "capacity of these extremists to carry out such an attack is unknown" but that the threat was "of sufficient seriousness that all American air travellers should be made aware". AFP said an Air Uganda flight was returned to Entebbe airport in Kampala when it was ordered to return.

Internet



Roads, airports and railway lines have suffered.

INTERNET

Militant chief killed in southern Russia

Moscow, 10 Jan — Russian police killed a militant leader in the troubled North Caucasus republic of Dagestan in a security operation on Sunday, Russian news agencies reported.

"The person killed during a special operation has been preliminarily identified as Madrid Begov, leader of the Makhachkala and Shamkhal sabotage and terrorist group," a local police spokesman was quoted as saying. The militant chief was trapped in a house near Makhachkala, capital of Dagestan, on Sunday morning.

The police stormed the house and shot him dead after he refused to surrender, the spokesman said. Begov has been wanted for attempting to murder a senior security officer in Makhachkala in April, 2009.—Xinhua

NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Jan — A soldier of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed in the militancy-ridden Afghanistan on Saturday, a Press release of the alliance said.

"An ISAF service member was killed this afternoon in an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) strike in southern Afghanistan," the Press released added.

However, it did not say the exact place of the incident.

Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul and Uruzgan provinces in south Afghanistan commonly known as the hotbed of Taliban militants have been the scene of increasing insurgency over the past couple of years.

Xinhua

Annual 'stocktake' at London Zoo

At London Zoo, the animals come two by two — and sometimes in fours and sixes as well.

The zoo's annual "stocktaking" took place on Tuesday, giving keepers a chance to check on the numbers of everything from stick insects to tiger — and even a sex-change meerkat.

It was an essential opportunity to draw breath after a busy 12 months which saw a host of new arrivals, including the first two lion cubs to be born at the zoo for a decade.

Zoological Director David Field said: "It's a hugely important day. Of course we are monitoring the information right throughout the year, but today we make sure that all our figures are correct to make sure we know who is breeding with who and when."

While the trio of giant Galapagos tortoises had a characteristically slow year, there was excitement in the meerkat enclosure with the birth of Lia and her brother Roo — only for Lia to become Liam five months later when she was found to be a boy.

"The gender of meerkats is often hard to establish immediately after birth," said zoo spokeswoman Emma Kenly. "But it was a nice surprise for all of us when Lia 'changed' sex."



A zookeeper poses with a pair of ring-tailed coatis during "stock-taking".

Guns, knives recycled into 2012 Games sites

Knives and guns seized from London thugs are being recycled into building materials for the HYPERLINK "<http://uk.news.yahoo.com/fc/london-2012-olympics.html>" 2012 Olympic Games, police said.

London's Metropolitan Police said it collected more than 52 tonnes of scrap metal from guns, knives and old keys in the last financial year.

The force said the recovered steel, iron and other valuable metals were melted down and used in construction, with some of the materials going to the Olympic site in Stratford, east London.

"We're constantly looking for new ways to recycle and new markets for our recyclable materials, to conserve resources, save energy and money," said spokeswoman Sarah Foster.



A snowy egret took a risky ride on the back of a passing alligator in Florida. The bird, a small white Heron, obviously mistook the swimming killer for a floating log, a disguise which usually helps snare dinner - not passengers. Lucky for the Egret, the Gator didn't notice the freeloader who perched on his back as he made his way through the pond. The reptile must have been full of Christmas spirit, because the cheeky bird got away without becoming a feathery snack, in fact the puzzled gator only noticed the bird once it had floated away.

NEWS ALBUM

Napoli fans to bid for Maradona's earring

Napoli fans are planning to raise cash to make a bid to buy Diego Maradona's earring, which was confiscated by Italian authorities in September as part payment for his tax arrears. The piece of jewellery, taken while Maradona was in Italy at a weightloss clinic, will be put up for auction next week with a starting price of around 4,000 euros (3,603 pounds) expected.

"Let's have a collection," Napoli fans, who adore the Argentina coach after he inspired the club as a player to Serie A titles in 1987 and 1990, have written on a supporter website (www.tifosidelnapoli.it).



People stand under a LED screen art installation called "Travesias" by Spanish artist Daniel Canogar at the European Council building in Brussels.

Strong quake strikes off California coast

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Jan—A strong earthquake measuring 6.5 magnitude on the Richter scale hit off the coast of Northern California on Saturday afternoon, the US Geological Survey reported.

The quake struck at about 4:27 pm local time and was centered about 33 miles (53 kilometres) from Eureka, a city along the Northern California coast, according to information posted on the USGS website.

There were no reports of fatalities so far but there were some injuries and damages as well as power outages in several coastal communities, local media reported.

The quake, which lasted for about 30 seconds, leaving much of Eureka without power, reported *Times-Standard*, a daily newspaper headquartered in the city.

The tremor had power poles waving back and forth along Eureka streets

and brought panicked residents out of their homes, the newspaper said in a report on its website. Employees working at the city's Bayshore Mall also reported light fixtures falling out of the ceiling, floor tiles popping up off the ground and chunks of the ceiling falling onto customers.

There were possible injuries at the mall as one employee said several people were picked up by ambulances.—*Xinhua*



A quake reading on a seismograph. A powerful 6.5-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of northern California on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.—INTERNET



Afghans stand at the scene where a suicide bomber on foot attacked a convoy of guards who provide security for international forces in Gardez, Paktia Province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 7 Jan, 2010. At least three people died in the attack, a spokesman for the provincial governor said.—INTERNET

Blinded to self by rose-coloured glasses

AUSTIN, 10 Jan—The more the brain's frontal lobes are used, the less a person sees through rose-coloured glasses, a US social neuroscientist says.

Jennifer Beer of the University of Texas at Austin says the more study subjects saw themselves in a positive light the less used were frontal lobes — the part of the brain associated with reasoning, planning, decision-making and problem-solving.

The study, published in *NeuroImage*, found subjects who had accurate views of themselves showed four times more frontal lobe activation than the most extreme "rose-coloured glasses"

wearers.

"In healthy people, the more you activate a portion of your frontal lobes, the more accurate your view of yourself is," Beer says in a statement. "And the more you view yourself as desirable or better than your peers, the less you use those lobes."

Beer and colleagues used magnetic resonance imaging to scan the brains of 20 subjects as they answered questions about how they compared to their peers on positive traits — such as tact, modesty, likability and maturity — and negative traits — such as materialism, messiness, unreliability and narrow-mindedness.

Internet

Coral reefs quickly create new species

BERLIN, 10 Jan—New species originated 50 percent more quickly in coral reefs than other tropical marine habitats during the last 540 million years, German scientists said.

Researchers at Humboldt University, Berlin, found coral reefs to be evolutionary "hotspots" that today are at risk from climate change, lead researcher Wolfgang Kiessling said.

"Our study shows that reefs are even more important than currently assumed. They are not only ecologically important for the marine environment, but also in an evolutionary sense," Kiessling told the BBC in a story published on Friday.

Kiessling, who likened coral reefs to rainforests in terms of enormous biodiversity, studied fos-

sils dating to the Cambrian explosion to find the earliest evidence of animals that lived and died on the ocean floor.

The study, published in the journal *Science*, shows reefs are centers of marine biodiversity, said Carl-Gustaf Lundin, head of the marine programs at the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

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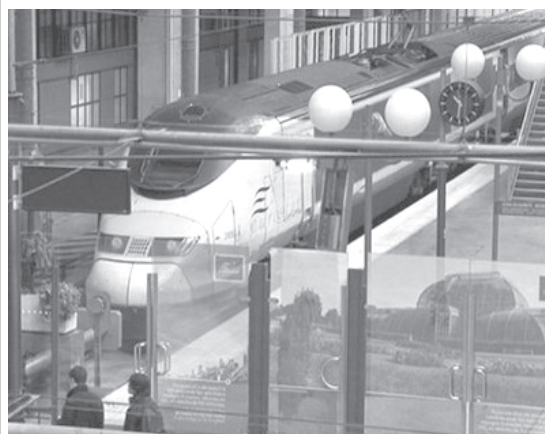
Moderate quake hits West Java, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 Jan—A shallow earthquake with magnitude of 5.4 rocked Tasikmalaya of Indonesia's West Java Province on Sunday, wounding one person and damaging at least one house, officials said here.

The quake struck at 07:25 am Jakarta time (0025 GMT) with epicenter at 84 km southwest Tasikmalaya and with the depth at 10 km under seabed, an official of the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency Fadli Yusuf told *Xinhua*.

The intensity of the quake was felt at 4 MMI (Modified Mercalli Intensity) at Pangandaran town, and at 3 to 4 MMI in Bandung the capital of the province and 3 MMI in Cianjur town, he said.

Head of crisis center of the Health Ministry Rustam Pakaya said that one person was injured after hit by the debris of his house in Garut town of the province.—*Xinhua*



Snow, freezing weather hit Europe, disrupt travel

LONDON, 10 Jan—Snow and freezing weather swept parts of Europe on Saturday causing travel chaos for thousands and forecasters predicted no let-up in Britain's harshest cold snap in 30 years.

Rail and air travel were disrupted in Britain, France and Germany. Eurostar, the rail service linking England and France, said it was running around two-thirds of its normal Saturday service from London. A spokeswoman for the train operator encouraged people not to travel unless the trip was essential. Forecasters in Britain said icy winds from northern Europe meant the big freeze felt even colder after temperatures fell overnight to minus 14 celsius (7°F) and even lower in some parts of the country. The Met Office said up to 20 cm (8 in) of snow could fall over the next 24 hours, with the southeast of the country hardest hit.

Internet

Travellers between Brussels, Paris and London faced more misery on Friday as the big freeze across northern Europe led to half of the cross-Channel Eurostar trains being cancelled. Early morning and late evening services have been shelved, leaving hundreds of people waiting in the cold at Paris's Gare du Nord.—INTERNET



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects construction of Cyclone Shelter at Thitpok Village in Labutta Township.

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Local people to maintain...

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Next, the Prime Minister and party looked into development of Pyinsalu in a motorcade.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected construction of Cyclone Shelter and lake for drinking water by A-1 Construction Company and heard reports on progress of tasks.

At Pyinsalu Station Hospital, the Prime Minister comforted the patients.

The Prime Minister and party viewed progress of Saluseik Village in Labutta Township and construction of Cyclone Shelter by Moe Kyei Sin Co by helicopter and arrived back in Patheingyi in the afternoon.

During his inspection tour of Thitpok Village, Pyinsalu and Saluseik Village, the Prime Minister looked into cultivation of summer paddy and construction of Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinephone-Thitpok-Kwinbauk-Pyinsalu Road by helicopter.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at Thitpok Village in Labutta Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein looks into construction of bore piles and piers for Yazudaing Bridge No (1) on the bank of Mawlamyinegyun.—MNA



Photo shows housing estate in Pyinsalu.—MNA



Lt-Gen Tha Aye looks into construction tasks in Mandalay, Sagaing

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan—Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence inspected repaving of the strand road in Mandalay on 7 January morning.

He also inspected the project site for construction of the water purifying building and water pump station No. 8 in Aungmyethazan Township.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye viewed expansion of water way of Ayeyawady River, north of 22nd Street, to the water pump station. He looked into road works in Chanayethazan and Mahaaungmyay Townships, dredging of Colombo Drain along Yangon-Mandalay Highway and development of Mandalay.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and officials, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected construction of the approach road to Thiri Mingala Overpass on Mandalay-Sagaing-Shwebo Road and placing of asphalt concrete on Strand Road in Sagaing.

After looking into construction of gravel road as the Kaunghmudaw shortcut and tasks of Hsintat River Water Pumping Project, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the tasks of installation for Belin-Ohndaw-Nyaungbingyi power grid in Sagaing on the bank of Ayeyawady River.

He viewed construction of two-storey Basic Education Middle School in Kyaukse Village near Shwebo-Monywa-Mandalay Road in Sagaing Township and thriving Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation in Allakappa Village of Myinmu Township and white wheat plantation in Monywa.—MNA



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence views Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton farm in Allakappa village-tract in Myinmu.—MNA

UMFCCI officials meet Vietnamese delegation

YANGON, 10 Jan—Vice-Presidents of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win and U Tun Aung, Chairman of First Private Bank Ltd Dr Sein Maung, Deputy Managing Director U Tun Kyi of Myawady Bank Ltd, Managing Director U Myo Oo of Myanmar Citizens Bank, CEC members of UMFCCI U Tun Aung and U Paw Hein met a two-member delegation led by Assistant Vice-President Mr Vuong Thanh Long of Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV) of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the office of

the federation on 31 December.

They discussed a visit of a 60-member Vietnamese entrepreneurs and investors to Myanmar from 14 to 16 January and signing of agreements on bilateral trade with Myanmar entrepreneurs at Sedona Hotel on 16 January and holding of discussions on economic sector.

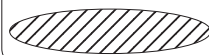
The Myanmar entrepreneurs wishing to carry out joint venture works and attend the discussions with Vietnamese entrepreneurs may register at UMFCCI.

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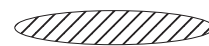
Cyclone Shelter

being constructed by
Moe Kyei Sin Com-
pany in Saluseik
village in Labutta
Township.(News on
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Cyclone Shelter
being constructed by
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Mandalay Mayor inspects development tasks in Nawngkhio Tsp



MANDALAY, 10 Jan —Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han together with the officials inspected hybrid agriculture and livestock breeding farm of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Division under the MCDC in Bantbway, Nawngkhio Township on 22 December.

The mayor and party called on the officials there to effectively use the machines. At cow breeding farm, the mayor gave necessary instructions to extend the tasks on breeding of poultry and livestock after hearing reports. The mayor then inspected storage of crops at warehouse.

There, the officials reported on plantations of teak and other kitchen crops, and breeding to the mayor. The mayor then attended to the needs and inspected teak plantations.

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Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspects hybrid agriculture and livestock breeding farm.—MNA

IBTC OPEN Golf Championship (Taunggyi) kicks off

YANGON, 10 Jan—The opening ceremony of IBTC OPEN Golf Championship (Taunggyi), sixth leg of Myanmar Golf Tour (2009-2010) was held at Ayetharyar Golf Resort in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) on 7 January.

It was organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA and mainly sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd.

Vice-President of MGF U Aung Kyi, Executive U Chan Han, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar PGA U Ko Ko Lay and Executive Director of IBTC U Tint Oo teed off to opened the tour.

In first day of professional golfers event, Thein Zaw Myint (KM Golf Centre) secured one-shot lead

with 71 strokes. Than Naing and Yin Aung Latt (Srixon) shared the second firing 72 strokes each.

Ye Yan Aung stood first with 74 strokes, Soe Moe Win second with 74 strokes and Aye Min third with 75 strokes in amateur event.

The tour was mainly sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC) and cooperatively sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, KBZ Bank Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd, Myanmar Thiha Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resort (BOB), (INAX, T-Home), CEPESA Lubricantes, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Lifeline Co Ltd, GP Watch and Ayetharyar Golf Resort (Taunggyi).—MGF



Executive Director of IBTC U Tint Oo tees off to open the tour.
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Young women of storm-hit areas have better future

Byline & Photos: Arkar Kyaw

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Assistant course instructors Daw Nan Moe Hlaing and Daw Ohnmar Hlaing, and helper Daw Hnin Ei Zin said that trainees had learnt not only tailoring but also baking; and that after that course, they would be able to run own



Ma Swe Swe Mon, Zeebinzu Village.

businesses.

At that time, the conclusion of the course was drawing near, and the trainees had learnt all the subjects.

The conclusion of Special Domestic Science Course No (2) took place at Ayeya Shwe Wah Hall in Mawlamyinegyun on 14 December, with an address by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt. Thirty boarders from storm-hit villages and 30 day trainees from Mawlamyinegyun, totaling 60 completed the course, which ran from 12 October to 14 December. At the conclusion ceremony, the trainees were found cheerful with the

hope of better future.

In an interview, course instructor Daw Win Le Yee told the Myanma Alin, "The trainees have a better future ahead of them. I am very pleased with their conditions: they can run their own businesses with what they have learnt from the course."

First prize winner Ma Swe Swe Mon said, "I can't find any words to express my happiness enough. I think I will run a tailoring shop in Zeebinzu Village. I will also make towels and cases to earn my living. I have a plan to run a multiplier tailoring course."

Second prize winner Ma May Ywet Wah said, "I thank the government and all the organiz-



Trainees making works in the course.

ers for the course. I plan to open a tailoring shop in Danichaung Sanpya Village. I will make towels to earn money. And I plan to open a multiplier tailoring course there."

Similar ceremonies

were held in Pyapon, Bogale and Labutta on 13 and 14 December.

Therefore, it is fair to say that the special courses organized by the Education and Training Department help improve

the living standard of young women in the storm-ravaged villages, and contribute towards flourishing of traditional domestic science.

Translation: MS Myanma Alin: 7-1-2010

Pearl Harbour omission plagues calendar

LAKELAND, 10 Jan — The US grocery chain Publix said it is no longer offering a free calendar after being slammed for leaving the attack on Pearl Harbour off the publication.

Publix made the decision to no longer offer the 2010 calendar to customers after a Florida radio talk show host strongly criticized the supermarket chain for failing to note the 7 Dec, 1941, Japanese surprise attack that pulled the United States into World War II, the South Florida *Sun Sentinel* reported Friday.

Publix officials said at the apparent behest of Joyce Kaufman of WFTL-AM, a number of people complained

to the company about the omission of the Pearl Harbour attack.

"We regret that the day of remembrance, Pearl Harbour, is not noted and as a result of customer feedback, we will add Pearl Harbour to next year's calendar," Publix spokeswoman Kimberly Jaeger said.

The 2010 calendar did note such international holidays as the start of the Islamic New Year, Puerto Rico Commonwealth Constitution Day and Haitian Flag Day.

The *Sun Sentinel* said Publix began offering the free calendars in 2005

Internet



Venezuelans crowd an electrical appliance store in Caracas. Thousands of Venezuelans descended on local shops, hoping to buy imported goods before a currency devaluation ordered by President Hugo Chavez ramps up price.

INTERNET



Photo taken on 9 Jan, 2010 shows two ladies enjoy the beautiful rime scene at Xunke County of Heihe, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, which attracted plenty of tourists and photographers nationwide.—XINHUA

Feds urge more H1N1 vaccinations

WASHINGTON, 10 Jan — Many US residents have yet to be vaccinated against the H1N1 virus and the flu season could continue until May, federal health officials said.

"This is a challenging flu season for millions of Americans and their families, and it's not over yet," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in a release

on Friday. Sebelius urged people to obtain vaccinations during this week's National Influenza Vaccination Week, in which more than 130 events across the nation were to highlight the need for increased flu protection.

From April through mid-November, H1N1 flu infected an estimated 47 million US residents and caused nearly 10,000

deaths, said Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control. "We do not know how many more cases of flu there will be in the coming weeks and months, but we do know that the H1N1 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself," Frieden said in the Health and Human Services release.

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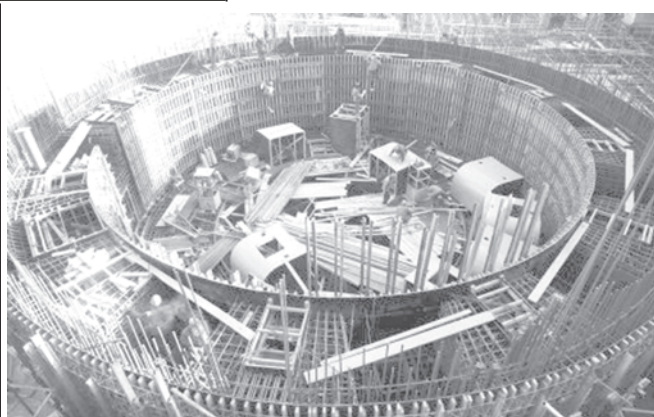
A/H1N1 flu death toll reaches 187 in Egypt

CAIRO, 10 Jan — Egypt reported on Saturday five more death cases of influenza A/H1N1, bringing the nationwide death toll to 187, said the Health Ministry in a statement.

The dead cases came from the governorates of Cairo, Giza, Helwan and Daqhlia, said the statement.

Up till now, Egypt has reported more than 14,000 cases of the novel flu, according to the Health Ministry.

Egypt confirmed its first influenza A/H1N1 death case on July 19. A 28-year-old Egyptian woman, who was back from Saudi Arabia after making Umrah (pilgrimage to Mecca at any time of the year), died of the flu virus.—Xinhua



Scientists say Sierras are 50 mln years old

BERKELEY, 10 Jan — The Sierra Nevadas, the mountains on the California-Nevada border, are more than twice as old as previously believed, a group of geologists says.

Researchers from Yale University and the Berkeley Museum of Paleontology argue the mountains were at their current height 50 million years ago, the *Los Angeles Times* reports. Previously, the Sierras had been believed to be about 20 million years old.

Michael Hren, who led the study while he was at Yale, said the scientists were able to analyze the

chemistry of the surface of leaves that grew on the mountainsides 50 million years ago.

They found some leaves had a higher proportion of deuterium, a heavy isotope of hydrogen, on their surface and assumed those grew at lower elevations because water drops containing deuterium would tend to fall first as clouds moved up.

Hren said the mountains then overlooked a warmer, lusher world.

"This is a time period where there would have been crocodiles in Wyoming," Hren said.

Diane Erwin, another author of the study, said the research also provides new tools for working out the shape of ancient landscapes.

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

'Vog,' pollution prompt warning in Hawaii

HONOLULU, 10 Jan — People in Hawaii should take precautions to protect themselves from air pollution plaguing the popular tropical tourist destination, health officials advise.

The Honolulu Advertiser reported on Saturday wildfires have polluted the air in the last month and, when combined with heavy so-called vog, air quality standards fell below acceptable standards twice in the first days of 2010. Vog is a term used for air pollution caused by gases from a volcano reacting to oxygen, moisture and sunlight.

The increased air pollution in Hawaii caused some residents with respiratory ailments to experience breathing problems and prompted complaints from others. "The smoke is really bad now," Hawaii resident Karla Sachi offered. "The middle of the night and early morning, it's so strong I think there's a fireplace lit in the middle of my house."

Internet

INVITATION FOR TENDER**TENDER NO. BRIDGE/NDN/NPT/2009-2010/ST-005**

1. Sealed Tender is invited by Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar for the supply of **Steel Truss and Accessories for AYEYAWADY BRIDGE (NYAUNGDON) Motor-cum- Rail Construction Project** across **Ayeyawady River on Yangon-Pathain Road in Ayeyawady Division.**
2. Tender application form of **NYAUNGDON BRIDGE** (including Technical Specifications, Terms of Tender, Tender Schedule and Offer Form) can be purchased with USD 3000.
3. The Payment for tender application must be paid to Public Works's Account No. **SEE 01015**, Myanma Economic Bank (2) through Myanma Foreign Trade Bank.
4. The Tender documents can be obtained from Bridge Division, Building No.(11), Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar only with the Payment Receipt to Myanma Foreign Trade Bank.
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11 fishermen missing after collision

PUTIAN, 10 Jan—One fisherman was dead and 11 more missing after a freighter rammed a fishing boat on Saturday afternoon off Fujian Province in China.

Two members of the crew of *Minshiyu 3785* were rescued, *Xinhua*, the official government news agency, reported. The collision occurred in the waters near Nanri Island in Putian City,

officials said.

The Putian Maritime Search and Rescue Centre responded shortly before 3 pm.

A spokesman for the centre said eight rescue vessels would be dispatched to the area Sunday to search for the missing crew. The cause of the collision was under investigation.

Xinhua

Starving pelicans rescued in Maryland

LEONARDTOWN, 10 Jan—Twenty-three starving pelicans that failed to migrate south have been rescued in southern Maryland during a bitter cold snap, officials said.

The birds were among 40 brown pelicans found suffering on the shore of St Mary's County, The *Washington Post* reported on Saturday.

Twenty-nine were captured and taken to Tri-

State Bird Rescue and Research in Newark, Del., where one pelican died and five more had to be euthanized.

The remaining 23 were to be kept in heated enclosures until spring, some receiving warm-water foot baths with Epsom salts for their cracked and swollen feet. Wildlife officials were to try to capture the rest of the stragglers in St Mary's this week.

Most pelicans migrate to the Carolinas and beyond for the winter, but this group of mostly adolescents stayed behind and clearly were suffering, said David Heilmeyer of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources.

"Just letting them sit out there and die is not an option for us," Heilmeyer said.— *Internet*

Russian diplomat disappears in Greenland

MOSCOW, 10 Jan—A Russian diplomat disappeared during a holiday trip to Greenland, offi-

cials said on Saturday. The Foreign Ministry identified the missing man as Adel Borisov, an employee at the consulate in Frankfurt, *ITAR-Tass* reported.

Borisov was last seen Wednesday. He failed to return from an excursion near Kulusuk, a village

on the southeast coast of Greenland. Danish authorities have been using helicopters to search for him. Kulusuk is a remote and isolated place. But its airport, with scheduled service to Iceland, makes it a popular tourist destination.

Internet

Dakar Rally ninth stage shortened by fog

SANTIAGO, 10 Jan—The ninth stage of the Dakar Rally on Monday between Copiapo and La Serena has been shortened by 267.75km because of fog in the area, organizers said on Saturday.

The special will cover 170.25 km, instead of 338km, through the dunes around Copiapo.

Over 59 percent of teams who started the race on 2 January will continue into the second week, organizers said.

Some 110 motorcycles and quads will race on Sunday, of the 177 who started a week ago with 69 cars out of 134, and 36 trucks of 52.

"We had a big first week. It's been a difficult Dakar compared to other years. We wanted that. The Dakar should be difficult," said sporting director David Castera.

Xinhua



There is heightened security at airports after failed Christmas Day bombings.— *INTERNET*

Two charged after Heathrow airliner security alert

LONDON, 10 Jan—A passenger has been charged with making a bomb threat which grounded a plane at London's Heathrow Airport on Friday night. Robert Fowles, 58, from Dover, Kent, was also charged with being drunk on an aircraft, the Metropolitan Police said. Alexander McGinn, 48, who is also from Dover, was also charged with being drunk on an aircraft.

Armed police boarded the Dubai-bound Emirates flight after remarks were made to cabin crew. Mr Fowles, who

lives in Edred Road, Dover, will appear from custody at Westminster Magistrates' Court on Sunday. Mr McGinn, of Lowther Road, has been bailed and will appear at the same court on 22 January.

A third passenger who was arrested, a man aged 36, was released without charge, police said. The incident came amid heightened tension at airports across the world following an unsuccessful attempt to bomb an airliner on Christmas Day. The incident happened as the plane,

which had 331 passengers on board, was taxiing for take-off.

The other passengers were eventually taken off the aircraft and driven to a hotel for the night. Their flight was rescheduled and departed on Saturday afternoon. Extra bag checks, body searches and on-board regulations have seen travellers in London experiencing longer waits before their flights take off, following the failed bombing of a plane en route to the US city of Detroit.

Internet



Dancers from the Saint-Petersburg State Ice Ballet of Russia perform "Cinderella on Ice" to music by Sergei Prokofiev, in Valletta on 9 Jan, 2010.— *INTERNET*

Regular exercise plus caloric reduction may achieve better health results

LOS ANGELES, 10 Jan—Combining regular exercise with cutting calories would achieve better health outcomes, according to a new study.

“It’s better to lose weight with a combination of caloric reduction and exercise rather than caloric reduction alone,” said study author Enette Larson-Meyer, an assistant professor of family and consumer science at the University of Wyoming.

Combining the two re-

sults in better health outcomes — such as lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels — than simply cutting calories alone, Larson-Meyer and his colleagues found in the study appearing in the January issue of the journal *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*.

For the six-month study, the researchers assigned 36 overweight men and women, average age 39, to one of three groups. One group cut calories by 25 percent.

The second cut calories by about 12.5 percent and exercised enough to increase energy output by 12.5 percent. A control group simply stayed on a weight-maintenance diet.

At the study’s end, both the caloric-restriction group and the caloric-restriction plus exercise group lost about 10 percent of their body weight. The average weight at the study start was about 178 pounds, so the loss at the end was about 17 pounds on average.—*Xinhua*



Iguanas dropping from trees, manatees huddling around waters warmed by power plants and marine turtles being whisked away to shelters — Florida’s unusual cold snap is a deadly one for tropical wildlife. When temperatures drop below about (60°C) (15°C), they become less able to move around. Below about 40 F (40°C), they become completely immobile due to a lack of blood flow.—INTERNET

Prostate cancer radiation may not hurt sex

PHILADELPHIA, 10 Jan—Sexual function in prostate cancer patients receiving beam radiation decreases within the first two years and then stabilizes, US researchers found.

Researchers at the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia and University of California, Davis, School of Medicine evaluated 143 prostate cancer patients receiving external beam radiation therapy who completed baseline data on sexual function before treatment and at follow-

up visits.

Senior author Dr Richard Valicenti of the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine, said patients were analyzed on sexual drive, erectile function, ejaculatory function and overall satisfaction for a median time of about four years.

The study authors found the strongest predictor of sexual function after treatment was sexual function before treatment and the only statistically significant decrease in function occurred in the first two years after treatment — and function then stabilized with no significant changes thereafter.

Internet

Education increases liver donations

NEW YORK, 10 Jan—Livers from living donors increase 42 percent after transplant candidates received education on the process, US researchers say. Officials of the United Network for Organ Sharing says as of Jan. 30, 2009, there were 100,539 candidates on the waiting list in the United States with more than 15,000 individuals in need of a liver transplant.

The number of deceased donors decreased from 6,650 donors in 2006 to 6,494 donors in 2007.

At the time of the study, New York state had 1,947 individuals on the liver wait list, which represents 12 percent of can-

didates nationally. In 2006-2007, random samples of wait-listed candidates at five transplant centers in New York were selected to complete pre-intervention surveys.

A second sample of wait-listed candidates completed post-intervention surveys in 2008. “Past studies have show wait-listed candidates concerns over donor safety, coupled with their general lack of knowledge about organ donation, created a reluctance on the part of candidates to discuss living donor liver transplantation with family and friends,” lead author Samantha DeLair, director of the New York Centre for Liver Transplantation, said in a statement.—*Internet*

Vaccine may ‘mop up’ leukemia cells

BALTIMORE, 10 Jan—A vaccine may help rid patients of leukemia cells left behind by chemotherapy, US researchers say.

Dr Hyam Levitsky of The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore cautions the results are very preliminary and they cannot yet rule out other reasons for success, but a vaccine made with leukemia cells seemed to reduce or eliminate the last remaining cancer cells in chronic myeloid leukemia patients taking the drug Imatinib mesylate, or Gleevec. “We want to get rid of every last cancer cell in the body, and using cancer vaccines may be a good way to mop up residual disease,” Levitsky said in a statement.

The vaccine, which included the immune system stimulator GM-CSF and leukemia antigen molecules, was given to 19 patients who had measurable cancer cells after taking Gleevec for at least one year.

A series of 10 skin injections were given every three weeks. the process was repeated four times.

The study, published in Clinical Cancer Research, said after a median of 72 months of follow-up, the number of remaining cancer cells declined in 13 patients, 12 of whom reached their lowest levels of residual cancer cells. In seven patients, cancer cells became completely undetectable, the study said.—*Internet*

Safety assessments for smoke flavourings

PARMA, 10 Jan—The European Food Safety Authority completed its review of the safety of 11 smoke flavorings used in the European Union, officials said.

The European Commission will establish a list of smoke flavoring products — added to meat, fish and cheeses — authorized for use in foods based on the work of the European Food Safety Authority.

Klaus-Dieter Jany, chairman of European Food Safety Authority, said to assess the safety

of these smoke flavorings, the panel asked manufacturers for data on the composition

and toxicity of their products as well as details on their intended uses and use levels.—*Internet*

Angolan women and children collect water using a plastic container at a water point near the country’s capital Luanda, on 8 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET



Soda machines at risk of bacteria

ROANOKE, 10 Jan—Beverages from soda fountain machines could contain harmful bacteria that cause gastric distress, researchers in Virginia said. Researchers at Hollins University in Roanoke said they found cause for alarm after examining 90 beverages, including sugar sodas, diet sodas and water, from 20 self-service and 10 personnel-dispensed machines in fast-food restaurants. The study “found a significant number of the drinks had levels of bacteria, including coliforms, which would not be allowed in municipal drinking water,” said biologist Renee Godard, head of environmental studies at Hollins.

Forty-eight percent of the beverages contained coliform bacteria with more than 17 percent containing *Chryseobacterium meningosepticum* and more than 11 percent containing *Escherichia coli*, Godard wrote in a recent issue of the *International Journal of Food Microbiology*.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Adebayor returning to Britain after bus attack

LONDON, 10 Jan—Togo football captain Emmanuel Adebayor is returning from the African Nations Cup after two squad members died after a machine-gun attack on team buses in Angola, his English club said. "Adebayor returning home from Angola," Premier League Manchester City announced in a statement on their website."

The club's press office said officials were "in regular contact with Adebayor" but could not say when he was expected in Britain. The Togo assistant coach and the squad spokesman died in

Friday's attack by hooded gunmen who sprayed the buses with gunfire as they travelled through the restive northern Cabinda enclave, according to an African football official.

Internet



Manchester City striker Emmanuel Adebayor

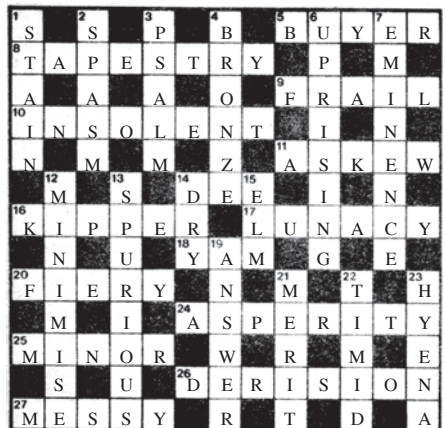
Dementieva on track for Australian Open

PERTH, 10 Jan—Russian world No.5 Elena Dementieva said the heavy playing schedule at the Hopman Cup was perfect preparation for her upcoming Australian Open campaign. The 2009 Australian Open semi-finalist made her first appearance at the mixed teams tournament here and teamed up with countryman Igor Andreev, the second-seeded pair failing to reach the final after losing their last tie to Great Britain.—Internet



Igor Andreev (R) and Elena Dementieva discuss tactics during their mixed doubles tennis match against Andy Murray and Laura Robson at the Hopman Cup in Perth.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Barcelona, Real Madrid continue battle for supremacy in Spain

MADRID, 10 Jan—Primera Liga leaders FC Barcelona and second placed Real Madrid both face difficult matches this Sunday as the duo continues its battle at the top of the table. Barcelona aims to secure its first win of 2009 away to Tenerife. Pep Guardiola's team has struggled in the New Year, drawing at home to Villarreal in the league and suffering a shock defeat against Sevilla on Tuesday night in the Kings Cup.

Zlatan Ibrahimovich is suspended for the trip to the Canary Islands, but Guardiola will return players such as Xavi Hernandez and Carlos Puyol to his starting 11. Real Madrid meanwhile entertains this season's surprise team Mallorca. Mallorca is currently fourth as a result of the team's magnificent form in its ONO Stadium, where Gregorio Manzano's team has won eight consecutive matches.

Xinhua

Inter late show breaks Siena hearts as Roma go fourth in Serie A

ROME, 10 Jan—Champions Inter Milan scored two late goals to stun rock-bottom Siena 4-3 at the San Siro on Saturday to open up an 11-point lead at the top of Serie A. Earlier in the day 10-man AS Roma moved up to fourth and the final Champions League qualification position with a 1-0 home success against woeful Chievo.

Inter looked to be heading for their first home defeat under Jose Mourinho as they trailed 3-2 with just two minutes remaining. But Dutch playmaker Wesley Sneijder curled home his second free-kick of the game and then three minutes into injury-time substitute Walter Samuel crashed home the winner to send the Inter faithful wild.

Internet



Inter Milan's midfielder Wesley Sneijder

Roddick to face Stepanek in Brisbane tennis final

CANBERRA, 10 Jan—American Andy Roddick rallied from the first set down to beat Czech Tomas Berdych 1-6, 6-3 and 6-4 on Saturday for a final match against defending champion Radek Stepanek in the men's singles at the Brisbane International. Stepanek, also of the Czech Republic, had earlier cruised into Sunday's final with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Frenchman Gael Monfils.

"The biggest part of the match for me was the first few games of the second set. I just wanted to make sure I stopped his momentum," said Roddick. Berdych had a flying start, winning the opening set in 34 minutes by breaking Roddick's serve twice. But he failed to achieve the feat again for the remainder of the match. Roddick took the second with an early break, then broke again late in the third before serving out the match after more than two hours.—Xinhua

Arsenal indebted to supersub Rosicky

LONDON, 10 Jan—Tomas Rosicky salvaged a point for Arsenal with an added time equaliser to secure a 2-2 draw with Everton here on Saturday. The draw moved Arsene Wenger's side to within three points of Premier League leaders Chelsea.

It had appeared the Gunners were about to suffer their second home defeat of the season when Steven Pienaar fired the visitors into a deserved 2-1 lead with just nine minutes remaining at a snow-covered Emirates Stadium.

Everton's failure to turn a succession of draws into wins meant they came into this game having won just one of their last eight league matches although their form has been steadily improving in recent weeks.—Internet

Glover barely keeps his lead

KAPALUA, 10 Jan—Even with a three-shot lead at Kapalua going into the weekend, US Open champion Lucas Glover figured it would be tight. Surely, a few players in this winners-only field would post a low score, and a few guys wouldn't. He just didn't think he would be the one struggling to get by Saturday. Or that so many others would get into the hunt.

Glover went from a three-shot lead to a two-shot deficit in the SBS Championship, only to have his fortunes change as quickly as the direction of the wind. Three birdies over his last five holes allowed him to salvage a 2-under 71 and a one-shot lead over defending champion Geoff Ogilvy going into a final round with endless possibilities.

Internet



Lucas Glover, right, follows his drive from the first tee as playing partner, John Rollins, left, looks on during the third round of the SBS Championship golf tournament in Kapalua, Hawaii, on 9 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET



Arsenal's midfielder Aaron Ramsey (C) goes for the ball during their English Premier League football match against Everton at the Emirates Stadium, London.—INTERNET

Ferguson tests FA's patience with new ref rant

BIRMINGHAM, 10 Jan—Sir Alex Ferguson may have landed himself in further trouble with the Football Association (FA) after his latest withering assessment of a referee. The Manchester United manager was furious with Mark Clattenburg for sending-off Scotland midfielder Darren Fletcher towards the end of the English champions' 1-1 Premier League draw away to Birmingham City here on Saturday.

Ferguson has only recently served a two-match touchline ban for criticising the fitness of referee Alan Wiley earlier this season and has a two-match suspended sentence hanging over his head from the FA. But that did not stop him from indulging in another spot of referee baiting at St Andrews following a match where a win for United would have seen them replace Chelsea at the top of the table.—Internet



Manchester United's Scottish midfielder Darren Fletcher looks back after being sent off against Birmingham City during their English Premier League football match.

INTERNET

Highway pileup kills five in central China

WUHAN, 10 Jan— At least five people were killed and seven others injured in a 11-vehicle crash in Hubei Province Saturday, a firefighting officer said on Sunday.

The pileup happened at around 10 pm Saturday at the Zaoyang city section of a highway linking Wuhan, capital of Hubei, to Shiyan city in the province, according to a publicity officer with the firefighting detachment of Xiangfan city that administers Zaoyang.

The accident involved four trucks, three passenger buses, three sedans and a mini-van. Five people were killed on the spot and the seven injured had been rushed to a hospital.

More than ten fire engines and some 70 firefighters were called on to the site. By 6:00 a.m. on Sunday when rescue operation ended, some 90 people had been evacuated from the site, mostly passengers. Investigators assumed that the slippery road covered by ice and speeding might be the causes of the accident, according to the officer who refused to be named. The highway section remained closed as of Sunday afternoon.

Further probe into the crash is still underway.
Xinhua



Damaged vehicles are seen at the site of a traffic accident on the expressway between Wuhan and Shiyan in central China's Hubei Province, on 10 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (11-1-2010) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (19:30pm ~ 21:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

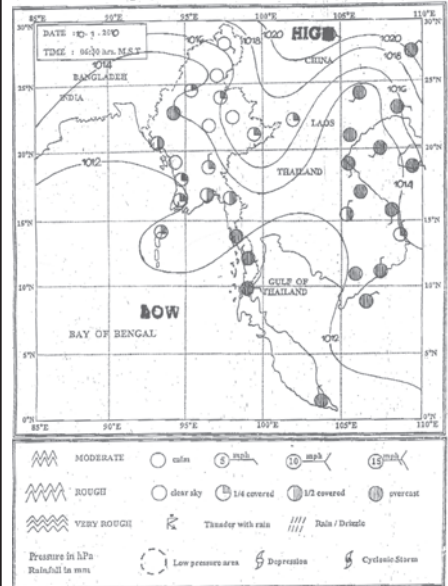
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Beautiful Pleasant Beach Village
- * Make Earnest Efforts to become military medical personal with physical and mental strength
- * Culture Stage
- * Useful Variety of Bamboo
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Monywa)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Beautiful Pleasant Beach Village
- * Myanmar Traditional Snacks
- * Around Bagan by Pony Cart (Ananda Temple)
- * Culture Stage
- * Useful Variety of Bamboo
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Monywa)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Delicious Sein Talone Mangoes
- * Myanmar Traditional Marionette
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 10th January, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (1°C), Namsam (2°C), Putao, Lashio, Heho and Katha (4°C) each and Machanbaw (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 9-1-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 10-1-2010 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-1-2010 was 74%. Total sun shine hours on 9-1-2010 was (9.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 9-1-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11th January 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Shan and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

State 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 11-1-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar



Monday, 11
January
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy
Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ
(စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊
တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေး
တင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:20 am

7. Song Of National
Races

8:30 am

8. လှမ်းခဲ့ပါအဆွေပန်းတံတား
ဆီးလို့ကြိုနေ

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Myanmar National
League MNL (2009)

ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု
အစီအစဉ် ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက်
FC အသင်း နှင့်
ဥယျာဃူနိုက်တက် FC
အသင်း)

4:50 pm

2. Dance Variety

5:00 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ငန်း
ရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား
သင်ခန်းစာ ခုတ်ယူနှစ်
(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု)
(သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

4. Songs For Uphold
National Spirit

5:20 pm

5. Musical Programme
(The Radio
Myanmar Modern
Music Troupe)

5:30 pm

6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာကား

5:40 pm

7. စုပေါင်းသံသွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

8. Evening News

6:15 pm

9. Weather Report

6:20 pm

10. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်”
(အပိုင်း-၂၄)

8:00 pm

12. News
13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ”
(အပိုင်း-၁၅)

- ★ 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

Young women of storm-hit areas have better future

Byline & Photos: Arkar Kyaw

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, Domestic Science Course is conducted for young women in four storm-hit areas— Pyapon, Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun and Labutta townships. Now, the course is in its second batch.

It was on 12 December on which our team visited Special Domestic Science Course No (2) conducted by the Education and Training Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs at Mawlamyinegyun Township Peace and Development Council in Ayeyawady Division.

Just as we entered



Trainees making men's wear stiff collar shirts in Special Domestic Science Course No (2) in Mawlamyinegyun.

the training hall, we were greeted by course in charge Daw Win Le Yee saying, "It's just right. We will serve you the snacks trainees have made." I noticed the snacks were tasted even more delicious than commercially-made ones in shops.

Going round the

hall, I was amazed by a variety of works in various colours, shapes and sizes, because they were very artistic. And I thought the works might not be the trainees'.

I turned to the course instructors, and said, "The works are fantastic and lovely, aren't

they?" Daw Win Le Yee said, "The works are all theirs. They spend their time beneficially, and try hard in their studies because what they are learning now will be their livelihoods. They get on with their studies. That's why their works are fine." (See page 10)



A Powermat charges a cellphone, right, and small handheld computer, left, at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, on 9 Jan, 2010. Powermat USA showed off a mat that charged gadgets set on top of it - as long as the gadgets were equipped with add-ons like special cell phone cases. This year, Powermat took things a step further by unveiling the Powerpack - a battery that replaces the one that comes with your cell phone and lets you charge your handset simply by placing it on one of its special mats. Powerpacks that are compatible with dozens of handsets are expected to be available for \$40 in May.

Significant night temperature (10-1-2010)

Loilem	(1° C)
Namsam	(2° C)
Putao	(4° C)
Lashio	(4° C)
Heho	(4° C)
Katha	(4° C)
Machanbaw	(5° C)