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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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends opening of Research and Engineering Paper-reading Session, Process & Products Show of MES

YANGON, 16 Jan—The Myanmar Engineering Society held the Research and Engineering Paper-reading Session and the Process & Products Show for its Annual General Meeting 2009 at the building of the society in Hline University Campus of Hline Township this morning, with an address by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

At the entrance to the society, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win

Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and the chairman of MES formally opened the Process & Products Show.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivered an opening address at the paper-reading session, and the chairman of the society extended greetings.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed booths of Process & Products displayed at the building of the MES.

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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Ayethaya Vineyard, source of quality grapes

Byline: Kyaw Zeya Myint; Photos: Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

On my trip to Taunggyi in Shan State (South), I noticed a large vineyard, about one mile from Ayethaya Bus Terminal, in Ayethaya, luring me away from my initial aim temporarily.

In an interview, Ko Ye Teza, in charge of the vineyard, said that Myanmar Vineyard Estate (MVE) Co and the Myanma Agriculture Service under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation ran Ayethaya Vineyard, making long-term investment; that the vineyard had an area of 22 acres; and that initially,

they launched the vineyard with 7000 grapevines of vine strain imported from French, in June 1999.

He added that the interval between two rows of grapevines was nine feet wide and that between two grapevines, three feet wide; and that they hired a German agriculturist as the fulltime supervisor.

He said that growing grapevine is of two types: trellis method and tight rope method; that trellis method was common in tropical regions, and tight rope method, in hilly regions, regions with no harsh weather pattern,

and regions without much rainfall; and that the tight rope method contributed towards the growth of grapes and grapevines.

In the tight rope method, one post is set up on one edge and one post, on another edge of the field. There are three tight ropes between the two posts. The first rope is two feet from the ground, the second rope, two and a half feet from the ground, and the third rope, six feet from the ground. Ayethaya Vineyard uses the tight rope method. (See page 7)



A vineyard nurtured with the tight rope method.



PERSPECTIVES

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Beef up trade cooperation

Trading is a vehicle for economic growth. Global nations are vying for their economic development. They are trying to increase exploitation of their natural resources and production of machines and machine parts, cars, agricultural produce and livestock to penetrate the international market.

At such a time, all the people are to make concerted efforts to achieve strong economy. Trade plays a crucial role in Myanmar's economic progress, so measures are being taken to promote trade cooperation by signing bilateral trade agreements and border trade agreements with other countries.

In the past, foreign trade was carried out by means of waterways through Yangon Port. But now it can be carried out by land. Muse 105th Mile Trade Zone, Myawady Trade Station, Tamu Trade Station and Maungdaw Border Trade Station are along the borders with the neighbouring countries, and they are carrying out normal trade through inland routes.

Trade volume of border trade centres from January to November, 2009 stood at more than 1 billion US dollars. Eighty percent of their trade volume was carried out by way of normal trade.

The border trade centers export agricultural products such as rice, corn, beans and pulses, sesame, fruit, sawn rubber timber and raw rubber, livestock products, marine products, minerals, jade and gems and forest products. Iron and steel construction materials, machine and machine parts, cars and spare parts, computers and accessories, farm equipment and consumer goods are being imported from the neighbouring nations.

Now, bilateral trade and economic cooperation and investment issues are under discussion with entrepreneurs from China, Thailand, India and Vietnam. Services of trade zones are also picking up. In line with the rules of normal trade, departmental officials and entrepreneurs on their part are to try to produce quality export items that are marketable.

Business Diploma Course (Marketing/Management) on 27 Jan

YANGON, 16 Jan—Noble Nine Education will open the Business Management & Marketing Course Level-3 on 27 January.

The trainees will be provided with 18 units including business resources, management accounting, Internet marketing, e-business, team development, working in administration,

projects and computer application for financial management.

On completion of the training course, the trainees will get the certificate presented by Noble Nine Education and the diploma certificate by Sunderland College of Singapore. Not only the persons attending the basic education high schools, univer-

sities and colleges but also anybody may attend the course. The fee for the course is fixed at 30 per cent discount as the special programme.

For further information, contact Noble Nine International, No. 7 on Wutkyang Street, Yekyaw, Pazundaung Township, Tel: 01-396915 and 095011615. — 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

Pasawng Township on track of development

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win held discussions on regional development tasks in meeting with local people at Namlit Village and Lauklai Village in Pasawng Township, Hkamti District, Sagaing Division, on 12 January.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party attended the opening of the tarred road at Ahtet Ward and inspected Myoma Market in the township.

They visited the Township Information and Public Relations Department at Ale Ward, and had a meeting with officials and local people at Naungyan Hall in Pasawng.

They made cash donations to patients of national races at Pasawng People's Hospital (16-bed).

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the site chosen for construction of a new building for Pasawng Basic Education High School.

He held discussions on regional development tasks with local national race leaders in Pasawng and inspected the 5th Mile Bridge. — MNA



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence views Computer room of Pasawng BEHS.
MNA

Commander attends opening of new streets in Mawlamyine

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—The opening of Taungyoetan Street and Ayayepaigkon Street in Sittegon Ward in Mawlamyine, Mon State was held at the streets on 2 January, attended by Chairman of Mon State

Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people.

First, a responsi-

ble person gave accounts of construction of the streets and a local spoke words of thanks. Responsible persons unveiled the signboard of the streets. Next, the commander and guests strolled along the new

street.

The commander then viewed construction of two-storey RC type operation theatre of Mawlamyine General Hospital and fulfilled the requirements.

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Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win on the newly opened street.—MNA

NATO, Afghan troops fire on Afghan crowd, five hurt



An Afghan sitting on a car destroyed on Thursday in a clash in the city of Laki, in Helmand Province's Garmsir District, south of Kabul, Afghanistan.—INTERNET

Two NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Jan — A bomb blast in Afghanistan's restive south killed two NATO soldiers, hours after the death of an American trooper in a separate attack, a statement said on Saturday.

"Two ISAF service members were killed in southern Afghanistan as a result of an IED strike yesterday," said a statement from NATO's International Security Assistance Force, referring to an improvised explosive device.

ISAF did not give their nationalities.

IEDs, along with suicide bomb attacks, are the

main weapons deployed by Taliban militants, and have become more powerful and deadly as foreign forces enhance security procedures, military officials have said.

The bombs, made principally from fertilizer and detonated by remote control, can range up to 2,000 pounds (900 kilograms), a senior US military intelligence official said recently, destroying even the heaviest armoured vehicles.

The southern provinces of Helmand and Kandahar are the most violent, but the Taliban has spread its fight to previously peaceful re-

gions.

Foreign troops under US and NATO command currently number around 113,000 and are being reinforced with another 40,000 over the course of this year as the counterinsurgency strategy moves into high gear.

Five soldiers — four American and one French — died on Wednesday. On Monday, three US, two French and a British soldier were killed in violence in the deadliest day for international troops since October.—INTERNET

KABUL, 16 Jan — At least five Afghan civilians were wounded when a combined force of Afghan troops and US Marines opened fire on a crowd at the gate to a military base in Helmand, Afghanistan's most volatile province, NATO said on Friday.

The incident, which took place on Wednesday but was not reported until Friday, was the second demonstration to turn violent in two days in Helmand's Garmsir District, suggesting mounting civil unrest in a part of the country where

US Marines under NATO command made major advances last year. "ANA and ISAF forces warned a crowd of between 200 and 400 assembled civilians to keep its distance from the outpost," a NATO statement said, referring to the Afghan National Army and NATO-led International Security Assistance Force.

ISAF is manned in the area by US Marines. "A number of civilians in the crowd disregarded instructions, resulting in forces firing warning shots. Deliberative escalation of force procedures were

followed, but one individual continued to ignore instructions, striking members of the combined force with a stick," the statement said.

Lieutenant-Colonel Todd Breasseale said both Afghan troops and the US Marines subsequently fired at the crowd. An investigation was underway to determine which force's bullets had struck each of the five people who were wounded. Civilian casualties caused by NATO troops are one of the most emotive issues in Afghanistan's eight-year-old conflict.

MNA/Reuters



An Afghan man fills containers at a public water pump in Kabul 13 Jan, 2010. Nearly half way through the Afghan winter, unusually warm and dry weather is raising fears of a drought that could cause food shortages, undermine efforts to slash poppy growing and worsen security problems.—INTERNET

Rarely used flying bomb strikes new targets in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 Jan — US troops stationed at an outpost in southern Iraq heard a chilling whistle, and then a 60-pound airborne bomb punched through a concrete blast wall and sent shrapnel flying, wounding three Americans.

Explosions are commonplace in Iraq, but this was no ordinary attack. The US military said on Friday that militants who launched the 12 Jan attack on a joint US-Iraqi compound used an unusual weapon called an IIRAM, for Improvised Rocket-Assisted Munition. Sometimes called "flying IEDs," IIRAMs are a potentially deadlier incarnation of the garden-variety

Improvised Explosive Devices in Iraq and Afghanistan — they're short-range projectiles that catapult toward unsuspecting targets.

INTERNET

NATO forces discover weapons caches in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Jan — The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) discovered six weapons caches in an operation in southern Afghanistan's Helmand Province, an ISAF press release said on Friday.

The weapons caches, discovered on Thursday, contained a large amount of weapons and IED making materials, including 340 pounds of home-made explosives, 17 hand grenades, an RPG launcher, and numerous small arms and ammunition, the Press release added.

Most of the materials were destroyed on site, it further said.—Xinhua



Wreckage of a police vehicle, which was hit by a remote controlled bomb is seen at the scene in Ghazni, eastern province of Afghanistan on 13 Jan, 2010. Six Afghan policemen were injured when a remote-controlled bomb exploded near an international aid office, said Abdul Ghani, deputy police chief in Ghazni Province.—INTERNET

Plane crash kills two people in Britain

LONDON, 16 Jan — A light plane crashed near the Oxford Airport of Britain on Friday, killing two people, local police announced. Thames Valley Police said the two-seater aircraft came down in a field in Bladon at around 2 pm, bursting into flames. The type of the plane is not yet known.

"It looked like he was trying to pull the aircraft up but unfortunately crashed," an eyewitness recalled. "Within five seconds it burst into flames which were 30 feet high."

The Air Accident Investigation Branch, based in Farnborough, Hampshire, said that a team was on its way to the scene to investigate the crash.—Xinhua

Germany, Singapore top World Bank trade logistics survey

WASHINGTON, 16 Jan—Germany has emerged top and Singapore second in a new World Bank logistics survey that measures how efficiently countries trade their goods around the world.

Sweden was adjudged the next most trade-friendly nation in the study released on Friday and hailed by the Washington-based institution as “the most comprehensive world survey of international freight forwarders and express carriers.”

“Economic competi-

tiveness is relentlessly driving countries to strengthen performance, and improving trade logistics is a smart way to deliver more efficiencies, lower costs and added economic growth,” said bank chief Robert Zoellick.

High income economies dominated the top logistics rankings, with most of them occupying important places in global and regional supply chains, the 155-nation “Logistics Performance Indicators” study showed.

By contrast, the 10

worst performing countries were all from the low and lower income groups.

“Although the study shows a substantial logistics gap between rich countries and most developing countries, it finds positive trends in some areas essential to logistics performance and trade,” the World Bank said.

“Some of them include the modernization of customs, use of information technology, and development of private logistics services,” it said in a statement.—*Internet*



A container ship is pictured at the Tollerort terminal of the HHLA container terminal at the harbour of the northern German city of Hamburg, summer 2009. Germany has emerged top and Singapore second in a new World Bank logistics survey that measures how efficiently countries trade their goods around the world.—INTERNET

China discovers 5-bln-tonne iron deposits in 2009

BEIJING, 16 Jan—China discovered nearly 5 billion tonnes of iron ore deposits in 2009, chief engineer with the Ministry of Land and Resources (MLR) said Friday.

The deposits were discovered in provinces including northeastern Liaoning, northern Hebei, eastern Shandong and Anhui, and southwestern Sichuan, said Zhang Hongtao, MLR chief engineer.

The total discovered deposits included an iron ore deposit within estimated reserve of more than 3 billion tonnes in northeast China's Liaoning Province and 1 billion tonnes of verified iron deposits in Hebei, said Zhang.

He said the 1 billion tonnes of verified reserves in Hebei was easy to mine with their shallow depth.—*Xinhua*

Eurozone trade surplus drops in November 2009

BRUSSELS, 16 Jan—Eurozone's trade surplus with the rest of the world dropped to 4.8 billion euros (6.9 billion US dollars) in November 2009 from the October level of 6.6 billion euros (9.5 billion dollars), the European Union (EU)'s statistics arm Eurostat said on Friday.

Eurostat said, after seasonal adjustment, exports of the 16-nation Eurozone in November fell 0.4 percent compared with the previous month, while imports increased by 1.5 percent.

For the 27-member EU, November saw a trade deficit of 5.8 billion euros (8.35 billion dollars), up from 4.8 billion euros (6.9 billion dollars) in October.

In the first ten months of 2009, EU's trade flow with all its main partners fell, except for exports to Russia which remained stable. The largest drop was in exports to Russia, which plummeted by 40 percent compared with the same period in 2008.—*Xinhua*

Energy agency downgrades 2010 oil demand forecast

PARIS, 16 Jan—The International Energy Agency on Friday revised down its forecast for world oil demand in 2010, saying trade would be “sluggish” in rich nations and growth would come only from emerging economies.

The IEA forecast that demand would be 1.44 million barrels per day (mbd) this year, compared to its 2010 estimate made last month of 1.47 mbd.

The Paris-based agency also warned of possible “downside risks” to economic recovery in the member nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), a grouping of 30 of the world's richest economies.

“Oil demand recovery in the OECD will likely remain sluggish,” it said, adding: “Demand growth in 2010 derives entirely

from outside the OECD.”

The IEA said 2010 demand would rise 1.7 percent from 2009 to 86.3 mbd.—*Internet*

Vietnamese PM calls for developing IT

HANOI, 16 Jan—Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung on Friday asked the Information and Communication Ministry to map out a master plan on developing a strong country of information technology (IT) and communication.

Dung made the request at the ministry's conference on implementing tasks in 2010.

Dung said that priorities will be put on IT human resources development, IT infrastructure development and establishing IT groups competent enough to compete with other foreign ones.

The Prime Minister called for the improvement of legal framework and policies to facilitate the development of IT and communication. This hence will support the government in propagandizing the government's policies on social economic development.

At the meeting, the ministry put forth plans to be carried out in 2010 including speeding up the implementation of IT application in the government's management apparatus of all levels and e-government and intensifying IT human resource training.—*Xinhua*

US airlines set to post quarterly losses

CHICAGO, 16 Jan—US airlines, set to start reporting quarterly losses next week, are likely to offer more evidence of returning business travel demand as the industry gropes its way out of the 2009 economic recession.

Of the six-largest US carriers, only Southwest Airlines (LUV.N) is expected to post an operating profit.

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Relatively low fares are behind the expected fourth-quarter performance, but analysts are hopeful that 2010 will be a year of recovery.

“Everyone is getting better, and they're doing the best they can with the hand they've been dealt,” said Morningstar airline analyst Basili Alukos. He said, however, that the strain of the recession will be evident in the results.

Lower fares had been a feature of the year. “We were in a recession, so we need people to come back to fly so they've been lowering prices,” Alukos said.

The airline industry suffered in 2009 from a lack of demand for business travel as companies trimmed travel budgets to hold down costs. But airline executives say they saw signs of recovery in travel demand on the business side in the quarter.

The Arca airline index (.XAL) rose 17 percent in the fourth quarter.

AMR Corp (AMR.N), parent of American Airlines, leads off the airline earnings season with its report on Wednesday. Continental Airlines (CAL.N) and Southwest are due to report on Thursday.—*Internet*



A Southwest Airlines plane takes off at Midway Airport in Chicago, Illinois on 24 July, 2008.

INTERNET

China, Vietnam mark 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties

BEIJING, 16 Jan—China and Vietnam held a reception in Beijing on Friday to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties.

Chen Haosu, president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, said China and Vietnam were friendly neighbours, which had frequent high-level visits, broad trade and economic

cooperation, and cultural exchanges.

Chen said the establishment of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA) on 1 Jan, 2010 will further boost the mutually-beneficial cooperation between China and Vietnam.

Vietnamese Ambassador to China Nguyen Van Tho said he believed a series of activities to mark 2010 as the year of China-

Vietnam friendship will advance the bilateral relations to a new high.

About 120 guests from both countries, including Chen Zhili, vice chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, attended the reception.

China and Vietnam forged diplomatic relations on 18 Jan, 1950.

Xinhua



Chen Zhili (C front), vice chairwoman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), attends a reception marking the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Vietnam, in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 Jan, 2010.—XINHUA



Italy to train Somali police force on counter terrorism

KAMPALA, 16 Jan—An Italian specialized unit is to train the Somali police force in counter terrorism operations in a bid to rid the horn of African country of terrorist groups.

Franco Frattini, Italian Foreign Minister told reporters here on Friday on a one-day visit to Uganda that the anti-terrorism group will be trained in Kenya if the Kenyan government okays the idea.

"We offered yesterday to President Sheikh Sharif (Somali President) .. to establish a very robust police anti-terrorist unit, trained by the Italian Carabinieri," he said shortly after a meeting with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni.

Uganda is one of the countries contributing peacekeepers to the African Union peacekeeping mission in the volatile country.

Frattini said there is need for international cooperation to address the Somalia problem because terrorist groups are using it as a transit centre to Africa and the rest of the world.—Xinhua

Members of the China International Search and Rescue Team depart on a plane for Haiti during a ceremony held at the airport in Beijing on 13 Jan, 2010.

INTERNET

US company recalls pine nut packages for fears of Salmonella contamination

HOUSTON, 16 Jan—A nut company in US state of Texas said on Friday it was recalling 270 packages of pine nuts over concerns that the product may have been contaminated by Salmonella.

Hines Nut Co, based in Dallas, Texas, said the nuts being recalled were packed in eight-ounce foam trays.

The product was only distributed to North Carolina. The company said the problem was dis-

covered in sampling from a supplier.

So far, no illnesses have been reported related to the nuts product, the company said.—Xinhua



A resident carries Samael Jachond, who was rescued from the remains of his house, four days after a major earthquake hit the capital Port-au-Prince on 15 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

Russian Navy to buy new carrier-based fighters

Moscow, 16 Jan—Russian Navy plans to buy the first batch of MiG-29K fighters set to be deployed on an aircraft carrier later this year, said a Navy official on Friday.

This year we are planning to buy the first batch of several machines," the RIA Novosti news agency quoted the unnamed offi-

cial as saying.

He did not specify the actual numbers of the fighters that will be deployed on the Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier.

A total of 24 MiG-29Ks will be purchased by the Navy in the next three to four years with an estimated cost of one billion US dollars, said the re-

port. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said in late last September that one of the most important issues for the Russian Armed Forces was to recreate Navy in the coming decade.

He also said in last March that the armed forces will undergo comprehensive rearmament beginning in 2011.

Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

World's largest agriculture fair opens in Berlin, highlighting climate change

BERLIN, 16 Jan—The 75th International Green Week in Berlin, the world's largest agricultural and food fair opened doors to the public on Friday.

Some 1,600 exhibitors from 56 countries will show visitors their best agriculture products, livestock, farm machines, garden tools and newly-developed technologies.

Organizers of the fair were expected to receive 400,000 people over the next 10 days, with Hun-

gary as this year's guest of honour. Various sample foods and drinks, traditional and modern, were waiting for visitors to have a taste.

"The Green Week is an evergreen," said Christian

Goeke, the main organizer of the fair. "As it marks this significant anniversary, this event remains immune to crisis and continues to maintain its stability at a high level."

Xinhua

East Asia-Latin America cooperation forum opens in Tokyo

TOKYO, 16 Jan—Foreign ministers and senior diplomats from 34

East Asian and Latin American countries gathered on Saturday in the Japanese capital to discuss issues facing the international community and both regions at the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC).

In his opening speech, Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama extended sympathy to people in quake-hit Haiti.

"Japan should offer maximum possible cooperation at moments like this," he said.

Xinhua

A-bomb disease law too narrow

TOKYO, 16 Jan—Japan needs to recognize more people who suffer from radiation disease caused by the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the nation's Health Minister said. Minister Akira Nagatsuma called for a revision of the law governing radiation illnesses caused when the United States bombed Japan in August 1945 near the end of World War II. The *Mainichi Daily News* reported on Friday.

"Without legal revision, further relaxation (of the standards) would be difficult," Nagatsuma told a group of people who represent radiation victims.

The law last was revised in 1981 to give more medical benefits to atomic bomb survivors, who since have argued the legislation too narrowly defines who was harmed by radiation from the bombs.

Internet

Cold front forces Mexico to seal roads in northern, western states

MEXICO CITY, 16 Jan—Mexico has sealed roads in the states of Zacatecas and Jalisco due to freezing weather, authorities said on Friday.

Eight municipalities in the northern state of Zacatecas have been sealed off, and public transport has been suspended across the territory, said Juan Antonio Caldera Martinez, director of public security and transit in Zacatecas.

In Jalisco, a western state on the Pacific coast, authorities have sealed two municipalities in the mountainous Sierra Madre area, including communities with relatively poor housing, according to officials from a weather research centre of the University of Guadalajara.

The state-run National Meteorology Service (SMN) has forecast that temperatures would be as low as minus 8 degrees Celsius in the northern states of Durango and Chihuahua.—*Xinhua*

26 die in psychiatric hospital in cold snap

HAVANA, 16 Jan—The Cuban government confirmed on Friday that 26 patients had died at a psychiatric hospital in the capital city of Havana in a rare cold snap.

The Health Ministry said the deaths were all related to "prolonged low temperatures" in Boyers city where the hospital is located.

But it said the patients — all in old age — died of natural causes. "They all died of such diseases as psychiatric disease, natural biological deterioration, respiratory infections and complications of chronic diseases," said the statement.—*Xinhua*



United Express Flight 6036, from Chicago to Traverse City, Mich, sits on the north-south runway at Cherry Capital Airport on 15 Jan, 2010, after a call about suspicious activity aboard caused an investigation. Police say a passenger on board a plane en route to northern Michigan was acting suspiciously, and the crew asked police to meet the aircraft when it landed.—INTERNET

Suspicious airplane passenger questioned in Mich

TRAVERSE CITY, 16 Jan—Police questioned a passenger on a small commercial plane that flew from Chicago to a northern Michigan resort town on Friday after the crew reported he was acting suspiciously.

Crew members aboard United Airlines Flight 6036 said the 28-year-old California man had taken "an article" into the bathroom and left without it, said Traverse City Police Capt. Steve Morgan. The crew found that a panel

inside the bathroom had been tampered with, he said.

They requested law enforcement assistance while approaching Cherry Capital Airport, Morgan said.

A government official said earlier the passenger had made a bomb threat, but Morgan said there was no bomb threat. A bomb sniffing dog called into sweep the aircraft and luggage found nothing, he said.

The passenger was

questioned by local police and the FBI but had not been arrested or charged on Friday afternoon, Morgan said.

"He's been cooperative throughout," he said.

FBI spokeswoman Sandra Berchtold in Detroit and Transportation Security Administration spokesman James Fotenos in the agency's Chicago regional office said they had no new information about the investigation late Friday.

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Zoo keeper Tully Johns looks at a newborn Asian elephant calf at the Melbourne Zoo. The baby elephant, a first for Melbourne Zoo, was born early Saturday morning and is the result of artificial insemination 22 months earlier.

Fish have longer memories than believed

A widely held belief that fish remember things for only three seconds is a myth, an Australian researcher said.

World's oldest dog dies at age 21

Chanel, a wire-haired dachshund, died at her owners' home in Port Jefferson Station on Long Island, NY. She was just six-weeks-old when Denise and Karl Shaughnessy adopted her from a shelter. They nominated her for the title of world's oldest dog after noticing the *Guinness World Records* book was lacking the record.

The pooch was presented with a certificate at a birthday bash earlier this year, which took place at a dog hotel and spa in Manhattan, complete with a peanut butter cake made especially for dogs. "She once ate an entire bag of Reese's peanut butter cups, and, you see, she lived to be 21, so go figure," Denise Shaughnessy said.

Despite their tiny brains, fish actually are "quite sophisticated" and can retain memories for months, said Kevin Warburton, who teaches at the Institute for Land, Water and Society at Charles Sturt University, New South Wales.

Silver perch, for example, remember a predator for several months after just one encounter, Warburton told *The Daily Telegraph* in a story published on Friday. "And carp that have been caught by fishers avoid hooks for at least a year," Warburton said. "That fish have only a three-second memory is just rubbish."

A diver swims near British artist Jason de Caires Taylor's sculpture "The Flower of Hope" in this undated hand-out in the Mexican resort of Cancun. At the bottom of its turquoise waters and playing with the reflections of the sun at sea, a series of sculptures were immersed in the Mexican resort of Cancun in what aspires to be a huge underwater museum that harmonizes with the beauty of its coral reefs.



NEWS ALBUM



Two craftsmen are engaged in building up a 12-metre-long miniature chocolate sculpture of the Great Wall, at the World Chocolate Dream Park inside the Beijing Olympic Park, in Beijing. A batch of elaborate chocolate sculptures, including the miniature replicas of Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors, and traditional Chinese painting of Panorama Along the Upper River During the Qingming Festival in the same size to the original, are exhibited to visitors.

China's Internet users top 384 million

China reported 384 million Internet users by the end of 2009, up 28.9 percent, or 86 million, from a year ago, said a report from the China Internet Network Information Centre.

Internet users surfing through mobile phones increased by 120 million to top 233 million, about 60.8 percent of the total Internet population, thanks to expanding third-generation (3G) business, said the report.

About 30.7 million surf the Internet only through mobile phones, about eight percent of the total Internet users. Internet users in the rural areas hit 106.81 million in 2009, up 26.3 percent year on year, who accounted for 27.8 percent of the total Internet users, said the report.

**Lt-Gen Myint Swe
addresses opening of
Research and
Engineering Paper-
reading Session and
Process & Products
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Bangladesh beat Myanmar in volleyball friendly

YANGON, 16 Jan— Myanmar-Bangladesh volleyball friendly was held for the third day at National Indoor Stadium (Thuwunna) here this afternoon.

Selected Bangladeshi men's team routed selected Myanmar men's team (25-20), (23-25), (22-25), (25-22) and (15-9). Included in the third match are new generation youth athletes who are undergoing training for XXVI SEA Games 2011. The fourth match takes place at the same



venue at 3 pm on 18 January. Admission is free.

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Myanmar-Bangladesh volleyball friendly in progress.—MNA

Kayan Township Association to hold prize-giving ceremony

YANGON, 16 Jan — Arrangements are being made to hold a ceremony to honour outstanding offspring of the members of the association by Kayan Township Association (Yangon).

Students who passed matriculation examinations for 2008-09 with flying colours are invited to contact the association (Ph: 01-549339) not later than 31 January.

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Ayethaya Vineyard, source of quality grapes ...

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The in-charge of the vineyard said that on average, the lifespan of a vine was from 30 to 50 years, and a vine produced 12 branches, and a strong vine produced around 20 bunches of grapes; that a branch produced a bunch of grapes, so on average, a vine yielded 12 to 20 grape bunches; and that a grape bunch weighed 100 to 250 kilograms.

Vines are in fruit two times in a season. But,

vines produced in the rainy season are less sweet. So, the grapevines are not harvested in the rainy season. Soon after the grapes are plucked, all the branches of the vines are to be cut off. The fruits on the new branches are collected for the next time.

The best pH rate to grow vines is between 5.5 and 6.5, so natural fertilizer is put on the soil four times, and chemical fertilizer, two times a year. In the tight rope method, fer-

tilizers are put one and a half feet around, and in the trellis method, three feet around each vine.

Anti-fungus and pesticides are sprayed one time between 7 to 10 days in the rainy season, and one time between 10 and 14 days in the cold season.

He explained that grapes are collected in March and April; that before doing so, the glucose rate of grapes was tested, and grapes with full rate of glucose were plucked first; that it was to be careful in collecting grapes in order that grapes did not fall off

the bunches; that collected grapes were not to be washed, and were to be stored and pasteurized at 2 degree Celsius in the cold storage; and the following day, they were produced as finished products.

Ayethaya Vineyard chooses Shraz, Sauvignon, Chenin, Cabernet, and Dornfelder strains, which are among the 80 worldwide popular strains. It gets 20 tons of grapes from 22 acres of vineyard a year.

The 22-acre vineyard generates job opportunities for local people. It has



Ko Ye Teza, in-charge of the vineyard.

been able to produce quality foreign grape strains locally. Now, agricultural methods are being disseminated to grape farmers. Therefore, it is safe to

say that agricultural development is contributing to the nation's economic growth rate.

**Translation: MS
Kyemon: 7-1-2010**



A panoramic view of Taunggyi.

Pyawbwe (Yanaung)-Ywataw Railroad Section commissioned



(132.50 miles), Minbu-An-Yaychanbyin Railroad (245.54 miles),

Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Min and Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, and Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe open Pyawbwe (Yanaung)-Ywataw railroad section.

MNA

Patheingyi (Belgareet)-Nyaungdon-Yangon (Hlinethaya) Railroad (89 miles), Pyaw (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyedaw)-Nay Pyi Taw Railroad (120 miles), Hinthada-Nyaungdon Railroad (48 miles), Thayet-Kyunchaung Railroad (190.86 miles), Ywataw-Kanbya Railroad (65.20

miles), and Bago-Hanthawady Airport Railroad (4.66 miles). And it will soon launch construction of Lashio-Muse Railroad (145 miles), Kalay-Tamu Railroad (84.35 miles), and Bago-Kayan-Thongwa-Thanlyin (Okposu) Railroad (67.25 miles).—MNA

Train taking its first trip for Pyawbwe (Yanaung)-Ywataw railroad section.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—Pyawbwe (Yanaung)-Ywataw Section of Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway Railroad Project being undertaken by the Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation was put into service with a ceremony held at Pyawbwe Station this morning.

In his address to the ceremony, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe said that combined efforts are being made to complete a network of Union

railroads in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe also delivered a speech.

So far, the Myanmar Railways has constructed 3335.45 miles of railroads including Pyawbwe (Yanaung)-Ywataw Railroad, 361 railway stations, 5044 large and medium bridges.

In addition, it is now building Katha-Bhamo Railroad (98 miles), Mongnai-Kengtung Railroad (226 miles), Dawei-Myeik Railroad



Pure detergent powder with softener on sale

YANGON, 16 Jan — Mar Lar Trading Co Ltd organized a ceremony to introduce its new product, "Pure" detergent powder, in conjunction with prize-giving ceremony at Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel here this afternoon.

Director Daw Myat Kaythi of the company gave an accounts of the company and its new product.

In response to the support of customers, lucky draw programme worth K 12 million have

been launched. Sales agents will be presented bonus every six month. Contact Daw Thin Nanda Wint, No (490), at the corner of Strand Road and Shwetaungdan Street, Lanmadaw Township, Pure Detergent Powder

Sales Centre (Ph: 01-2277858), Sales agents Daw Su Su Thin (Shwe Theingi Brokerage House (Ph: 681136), Ever Boom (Theingyizay) (Ph: 09-5505789 and 240600 Ext: 460), U Kyaw Kyaw Naing (101 Hair Tonic) (Ph: 518311) in Yangon, Ngwe Kyal Phyu Noodle (Ph: 09-6801253), U Soe Thein of Ever Smile Co Ltd (Ph: 02-78900 and 09-2015819) in Mandalay Division, U Nay Lin Oo (Ph: 09-6801838 and 09-5190380) in Ayeyawady Division, U Hla Kyi (Ph: 09-5076649 and 052-22877) in Bago Division, U Min Aung Moe (Ph: 09-8763180 and 059-42232) in Myeik, U Mg Mg Than (Ph: 09-5119786 and 081-22998) in Taunggyi and U Zaw Zaw Oo (Ph: 09-942299) in Phakant to buy wholesale and retail.

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47th Inter-State/Division Tennis Tournament kicks off

YANGON, 16 Jan — Jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Tennis Federation, the opening of 47th Interstate/ division Tennis Tournament-2010 was held at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

Among the spectators were Patron of MTF Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaug Htaik of SPED and officials.

Defending Champions Shan State (North) Women's Tennis Team and Yangon Division Men's Tennis Team handed over championship shields to the SPED director-general.

Next, the first day matches followed. The tournament will continue tomorrow. — MNA

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—A slight earthquake of intensity 4.9 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Andaman islands) about 270 miles southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 13 hr 02 min 33 sec MST on 16th January 2010.—MNA



Director Daw Myat Kaythi of Mar Lar Trading Co Ltd speeches at introducing ceremony.—MNA

Minister inspects information tasks in Gangaw Township



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents a DTH system receiver to an official.

MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visits Gangaw District IPRD Office.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan looked into undertakings on durability and development of self-reliant village libraries in Lapoh Village-tract of Gangaw Township Magway Division, on 9 January afternoon.

The minister provided necessary assistance for durability and development of the libraries for meeting the five-point standards and presented books and DTH TVs that can receive the programmes of MRTV and MRTV-4.

At Gangaw District Information and Public

Relations Department, the minister inspected information and educative tasks for the public and gave instructions on supervision to be made for durability and development of the libraries. He urged the personnel to try their best to become well-versed media persons in the national interest.

On arrival at Gangaw MRTV re-transmission station, the minister fulfilled the requirements for transmitting the TV programmes to the surrounding areas at full capacity.

MNA



Labutta like a phoenix rising from the ashes

Byline & Photos:

Ko Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

(from page 16)

The new town will have 200-bed hospital, departmental buildings, schools, markets, sports grounds, gardens and cold storages. Circular roads are also being constructed for smooth transportation in the new town. In addition, 160-million gallon capacity water storage tank has been constructed and the township Myanma Port Authority is building

piers in order to provide smooth water transportation for residents of the new town.

Within one year after storm Nargis, Labutta DAC was able to restore Labutta to its former beauty and has been working with all its might for all-round development of the township.

Translation: TTK Kyemon (15-1-2010)

No. 5 Ward Basic Education Primary School in Labutta Township.

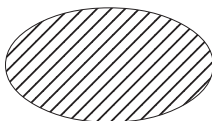


Photo shows 66 KV sub power station.



Profile of Tipitakakovida Title Recipient Ashin Abhijatabhivamsa



Native and date of birth

Ashin Abhijatabhivamsa was born to U Tin Ya and Daw Khin Nyunt in Hsinnin Village, Wetlet Township, Sagaing Division, on the 8th Waxing of Thadingyut 1330

Myanmar Era (29 September 1968) (Sunday).

Novitiation

He was initiated into novice by the abbot of Zabu Mingalar Shweyaththa Monastery in Hsinnin Village with the sponsorship of his parents on 11th Waxing of Nadaw 1341 ME.

On the 1st Waning of Pyatho 1349 ME, he was ordained by Abbot Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru of Maha Thubawdayon Monastery in Sagaing Division with the sponsorship of U Than Tun and Daw Han Nyunt of Kyant-khaing Ward, Wetlet Township at Sasana Vilasini Ordination Hall of Dhammayon Monastery in Thiri Ward, Wetlet.

His monk teachers

The abbot of Zabu Mingala Shweyaththa Monastery in Hsinnin Village, Wetlet Township; Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abbot of Maha Thubawdayon Monastery in Sagaing Division; Rector Bhaddanta Nanda Malabhivamsa of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary

University; the abbot and Subodhaka Ganhavacaka Monks Ashin Adhivasa, Ashin Jinorasa and Ashin Pindolabhivamsa of Sasana Zawtaye Monastery in Madaya; the abbot of Katipin Monastery in Nawngkhio; Ashin Manita Lankarabhivamsa of Sishin Monastery in Mandalay; and the pro-rector Bhamo Monk of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University.

Examinations he has passed

Government Sasanadhaja Dhammacariya Pali Paragu; Sasanadhaja Siri Pavara Dhammacariya; Yangon Cetiyaangana Pariyatti Dhammacariya Ganavacaka; Mandalay Pariyatti Sasanahita Dhammacariya; Tipitakadhara Examination (Vinayadhara); Vinayakovida Title; Dighabhanaka Dighanikayakovida Title; Mula Arbhidhammika Mula Arbhidhamma Kovida Title; Arbhidhammika Title; and Tipitakadhara Title (59th Tipitakakovida Oral Examination).

Tipitakakovida Title

He passed the 62nd Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Examination (Written) in 1371 ME (2010). He will receive Tipitakakovida Title and Sasana Flag.—MNA

Results of 62nd Tipitakadhara Selection Examination announced

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan.—The Department of Religious Affairs under the Ministry of Religious Affairs announced the results of written and oral tests of the 62nd Tipitakadhara Selection Examination conducted by the Tipitakadhara Selection Board from 12th Waning of Nadaw to 13th Waning of Pyatho 1731 ME (from 13 December 2009 to 12 January 2010).

Tipitakakovida

1. Seat No. 165, Ashin Abhijatabhivamsa, aged 41, 22 vasa, Maha Thubawdayon Monastery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division

Mula Arbhidhammakovida

1. Seat No. 172, Ashin Vasethalankara, aged 35, 16 vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery, Shwenatha Model Village, Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division

Digha Nikayakovida

1. Seat No. 182, Ashin Vicitthasara, aged 35, 15 vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikaya Monastery, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division
2. Seat No. 185, Ashin Nandavamsalankara, aged 33, 13 vasa, ShwedaungU Tipitaka Dhammapala Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division

Vinayakovida

1. Seat No. 207, Ashin Jotikalankara, aged 31, 10 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
2. Seat No. 212, Ashin Javanalankara, aged 31, 10 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
3. Seat No. 216, Ashin Indakalankara, aged 29, 9 vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikaya Monastery, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division

Ubhatovibhangakovida

1. Seat No. 251, Ashin Indaka (Taze), aged 33, 12 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
2. Seat No. 255, Ashin Dhammananda, aged 30, 11 vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikaya Monastery, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division
3. Seat No. 273, Ashin Sujanalankara, aged 29, 9 vasa, Thamanaykyaw Pariyatti Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
4. Seat No. 275, Ashin Jotivara, aged 30, 9 vasa, Katipin Monastery, Nawngkhio, Shan State (North)
5. Seat No. 278, Ashin Aggavamsa, aged 29, 9 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
6. Seat No. 279, Ashin Vasavalankara, aged 29, 9 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun,

Sagaing, Sagaing Division

7. Seat No. 289, Ashin Silananda, aged 27, 7 vasa, Nikaya Monastery, Dagon Myothi (South) Township, Yangon Division

Mula Arbhidhammika

1. Seat No. 5, Ashin Paññissaralankara, aged 32, 12 vasa, ShwedaungU Tipitaka Dhammapala Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division

Dighabhanaka

1. Seat No. 8, Ashin Vasettha, aged 36, 15 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
2. Seat No. 9, Ashin Sirikançana, aged 47, 27 vasa, Maha Withokdayon Shwegyin Taikthit, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
3. Seat No. 10, Ashin Aggasaralankara, aged 41, 21 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
4. Seat No. 12, Ashin Sethañanalankara, aged 31, 11 vasa, Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikaya Monastery, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division
5. Seat No. 13, Ashin Paññobhasalankara, aged 26, 6 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division

Vinayadhara

1. Seat No. 16, Ashin Kelasa (Natmauk), aged 33, 13 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
2. Seat No. 20, Ashin Sajjana, aged 30, 10 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Anisakhan Village, Pyin Oo Lwin Township, Mandalay Division
3. Seat No. 21, Ashin Javana, aged 30, 11 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
4. Seat No. 22, Ashin Tejinda, aged 30, 9 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
5. Seat No. 24, Ashin Saddhamma, aged 26, 8 vasa, ShwedaungU Tipitaka Dhamma Pala Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
6. Seat No. 25, Ashin Gandhama, aged 27, 7 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
7. Seat No. 29, Ashin Candajoti, aged 25, 5 vasa, ShwedaungU Tipitaka Dhamma Pala Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
8. Seat No. 32, Ashin Vimala, aged 24, 4 vasa, Nikaya Monastery, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Division
9. Seat No. 34, Ashin Indakalankara, aged 23, 3 vasa,

Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division

10. Seat No. 35, Ashin Paññasihalankara, aged 23, 3 vasa, Maha Visuddhayon Shwegyin Taikthit, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
11. Seat No. 38, Ashin Vannissara, aged 35, 15 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
12. Seat No. 39, Ashin Vilasa, aged 30, 10 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
13. Seat No. 40, Ashin Kosalla, aged 30, 10 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
14. Seat No. 42, Ashin Aggañāna (Ngazun), aged 30, 10 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
15. Seat No. 43, Ashin Dhammapiya, aged 30, 9 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
16. Seat No. 45, Ashin Pañānanda (KhinU), aged 28, 8 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
17. Seat No. 47, Ashin Khemasirilankara, aged 28, 8 vasa, Mingun Maha Monastery, Kyaukse, Mandalay Division
18. Seat No. 54, Ashin Janita, aged 28, 9 vasa, Kanhtoo Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery, Oktha Myothit, Bago, Bago Division (Visittha Vinayadhara)
19. Seat No. 55, Ashin Sujata, aged 26, 6 vasa, ShwedaungU Tipitaka Dhamma Pala Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
20. Seat No. 57, Ashin Vicakkhanalankara, aged 26, 6 vasa, ShwedaungU Tipitaka Dhamma Pala Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
21. Seat No. 62, Ashin Tejanaya, aged 25, 5 vasa, Tipitaka Lankara Pariyatti Monastery, Thakayta Township, Yangon Division
22. Seat No. 63, Ashin Indobhava Lankara, aged 25, 4 vasa, Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery, Momeik Hill, Mingun, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
23. Seat No. 65, Ashin Ananda Pandita Lankara, aged 24, 4 vasa, Samane Kyaw, Pariyatti Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
24. Seat No. 66, Ashin Revata, aged 23, 3 vasa, Aungmingala Monastery, Taunggyi, Southern Shan State (Visittha Vinayadhara)

(To be continued)



A senior Yemeni official said that an airstrike on an al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) position in north Yemen killed six suspected leaders of the group, including its military boss.—INTERNET

Yemen says airstrike kills al-Qaeda military chief

SAN'A, 16 Jan—Yemeni warplanes struck outside a desert village near the border with Saudi Arabia on Friday, killing six al-Qaeda operatives, including the group's top military leader in the country, security officials said.

The military chief, who escaped a government attack targeting him last month, was one of Yemen's most-wanted militants and had plotted to assassinate the US ambassador.

Yemen, with the help of US counterterrorism aid and training, has intensified an offensive against an al-Qaeda offshoot that has dug in to pockets of the mountainous, impoverished nation, sometimes under the protection of powerful local tribes that have their own grievances with the weak government.

In an intensifying battle against al-Qaeda on another front where Washington is deeply involved, Pakistani intelligence officials said on Friday that a US missile strike there killed one of the FBI's most-wanted terrorists, a man suspected in a deadly 1986 plane hijacking with a \$5 million bounty on his head. That 9 Jan strike was part of the CIA-led missile campaign against militant targets in Pakistan's insurgent-riddled tribal belt bordering Afghan.—*Internet*

Chileans help to rescue 23 people in quake-hit Haiti

SANTIAGO, 16 Jan—Chilean experts, in collaboration with those from other countries, rescued 23 people on early Friday morning in Haiti after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit the country on Tuesday.

Chilean delegation chief Juan Gabriel Valdes said on Friday that "the Chilean experts have worked all night through with rescue teams of other countries and they have found 23 people alive."

The 23 survivors were found in the ruins of Montana Hotel in Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti, and the rescue work is continuing at the site because "there is hope for more good news," Valdes said.—*Xinhua*

Bolivia to send medicine, blood, food to Haiti

LA PAZ, 16 Jan—The Bolivian government will send 11 tons of medicine, blood and food, as well as 20 doctors specialized in natural disaster to quake-hit Haiti, Bolivian Health Minister Ramiro Tapia said on Friday.

Tapia said that to the moment Bolivia has collected more than 500 units of blood to be sent to Haiti, a country that was devastated on Tuesday by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake.

Tapia said that the blood collection work will be done by Saturday, and it is expected to collect some 800 units of blood.

"Everybody has been affected by the tragic situation that Haitian people are living and we cannot be indifferent," Tapia said.—*Xinhua*

Disaster relief in Haiti faces difficulties, requiring additional aid, cooperation

PORT AU PRINCE, 16 Jan—Almost three days have passed since a disastrous earthquake ravaged Haiti on Tuesday. Worldwide rescue efforts, though reaching the Haitian capital continuously, are still far from enough.

Lack of loading machines, paralyzed traffic, interrupted communications and stranded crowds have all been translated into massive inconveniences for disaster relief during the most valuable period in the aftermath of the strong quake.

Xinhua

Athens announces dispatch of aid to Haiti

ATHENS, 16 Jan—A plane will depart next Tuesday loaded with humanitarian aid to the people of Haiti, the Greek Foreign Ministry announced in a statement on Friday.

"The Foreign Ministry, responding to the need for immediate help to the people of Haiti, is sending ... a special team of physicians and a rescue unit as well as pharmaceuticals with a direct flight."

"The plane (a Boeing 747) will offer the possibility of carrying back to Greece some 400 citizens of European countries that are still in Haiti," the statement added.—*Xinhua*

Philippines to send more rescuers to Haiti

MANILA, 16 Jan—The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is ready to dispatch another batch of peacekeepers to Haiti to join the rescue operations in quake-devastated Haiti.

AFP spokesman Lt Col Romeo Brawner said 155 members of the 11th Peacekeeping Contingent are now assembled at their headquarters in Tarlac Province, north of Manila, awaiting a government order to leave. Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has already ordered AFP chief Gen Victor Ibrado to prepare the 11th contingent for deployment to Haiti. They would link up with the 10th contingent there, Brawner said.—*Xinhua*

S African Airways bid to help Haiti quake victims

JOHANNESBURG, 16 Jan—The staff of South Africa's national airline, South African Airways (SAA), were donating money, food and clothing to the people of Haiti who lost their family, friends and property in the earthquake which hit their country, said the airline on Friday.

SAA acting chief executive Chris Smythe said SAA employees were asked to make donations in the form of money, blankets or clothing, which would be airlifted along with donated medical supplies to the Caribbean country.

"The staff and leadership of SAA convey to the people of Haiti our thoughts and prayers during these tragic and heartbreaking times," Smythe said in a statement.—*Xinhua*

Ransom demand for British hostages in Nigeria

LAGOS, 16 Jan—Nigerian gunmen have demanded a ransom of 1.2 million pounds for the release of three Britons and a Colombian abducted this week, the police said on Friday.

"The kidnappers have asked for payment of 300 million naira before the men can be released," Rivers State police spokeswoman Rita Abbey told AFP.

She said that the kidnappers made the demand through a phone call to a relation of one of the kidnapped foreigners.

The police in the state have promised a reward of eight thousand pounds for any information that can lead to the release of the hostages, she added.

"The Rivers State police command has promised a reward of two million naira to anybody who can provide any information that can lead to the release of these foreigners," Abbey said.

The four — contract workers for the Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell — were abducted on Tuesday between the oil city of Port Harcourt and nearby Aba in Abia State. The gunmen shot dead the foreigners' police escort and wounded their driver during the attack.

Police spokesman in Abia State Ali Okechukwu also told AFP that the police command in the state has not yet established contacts with either the abductors or the foreigners.—*Internet*

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INTERNET



Suspected US drone strike kills five in NW Pakistan tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 16 Jan—Suspected US drone fired four missiles, killing at least five people in northwest Pakistan's tribal region, local TV channel reported on Friday. Waziristan tribal agency near the Afghan border, the private TV GEO News reported.

The unmanned US plane targeted Zamir area, which is near the spot where Tehrik-Taleban Pakistan (TTP) chief Hakimullah Mehsud is believed to be injured in drone strike.

It was the ninth missile strike in the region in about two weeks. More than 700 people have died in about 77 drone strikes in Pakistan since Aug. 2008, but US officials do not confirm individual attacks.

A missile fired by US drone plane at a militants' compound on Thursday injured Hakimullah, sources said. The vehicle of the Taleban chief was completely destroyed in the attack. On the other hand, Taleban sources claimed that Hakimullah had already left the scene before the attack took place.

Official sources said that Thursday's drone attack had wounded Mehsud, who was getting treatment at an undisclosed location.—*Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV NIRMAL SANGEETA VOYNO ()**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NIRMAL SANGEETA VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 17.1.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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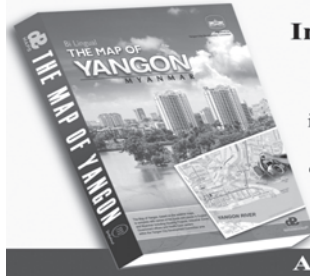
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Texas nuclear weapons facility on lockdown due to hunters

HOUSTON, 16 Jan — A nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly plant in the US state of Texas was put on precautionary lockdown on Friday because of a "potential security situation," according to a news release said.

The Pantex Plant in Carson County, Texas, activated its Emergency Re-

sponse Organization at around 8 am after armed hunters were spotted near the plant, the Carson County Sheriff's Department said.

The plant is in a lockdown status and the situation is "being evaluated in order to facilitate security actions" and employees "are sheltered in

place," a news release by the company said.

"There was not a threat to the Pantex plant assets, workers, or the public, and the plant is now returning to normal operations," the release said. The plant is the country's only nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility, according to the release. —Xinhua

Two-state solution shortest way to achieve Mideast peace

RAMALLAH, 16 Jan — Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat Friday said implementing the principle of the two-state solution is the shortest way to achieve peace in the Middle East.

Erekat's statement was made to reporters following a meeting in Ramallah

with the US deputy peace envoy David Hill and US Consul in Jerusalem Daniel Rubenstein.

"We can't ignore the principle of the two-state solution and the issue of drawing the borders," said Erekat, adding the Quartet (the United States, the United Nations, Russia and EU) recognition of the two-state solution "is the shortest way to achieve peace in the region."

Erekat's office issued a statement on Friday that Erekat had also held separate meetings with French and Japanese diplomats, and discussed the current situation of the peace process.

He stressed that the international community has to work hard to press Israel to halt settlement activities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem "in order to resume the peace negotiations." —Xinhua

Alcohol during pregnancy chemically alters fetal DNA

CANBERRA, 16 Jan — Drinking too much during pregnancy can harm offspring permanently. Now experiments in mice suggest this may be because alcohol chemically alters the fetus's DNA, affecting how genes are expressed.

It's well known that fetal alcohol syndrome occurs when pregnant women drink excessively and causes behavioural and physical harm to the child after birth. But we know little about the molecular mechanisms underlying the condition.

Previous studies have shown that factors in the mother's environment during pregnancy can cause "epigenetic" modifications to the fetus's DNA. These don't alter the genetic code itself but might switch certain genes on or off, or increase or decrease their expression.

Internet

Three people killed going wrong way in Detroit

CHICAGO, 16 Jan — Three men from the Detroit area in the US state of Michigan were killed on Friday morning after going the wrong way on highway I-94.

The victims might have been involved with some shoplifting incidents in Detroit, according to a report from the city.

Police said they had just called off a chase with the three 50's suspects when they entered I-94 Westbound and crashed into a minivan after going the wrong way.

The three people in the minivan survived the accident. —Xinhua

Bulgaria, Greece open new border crossing

SOFIA, 16 Jan — Bulgaria and Greece on Friday opened a new border crossing on the Bulgarian-Greek border at Zlatograd-Xanthi. The new crossing, the fourth between the two countries, opens the shortest link between the central part of Bulgaria and the Aegean region.

"The road Zlatograd-Xanthi will connect the Bulgarian ski resort Pamporovo to the Greek beaches and will give new perspectives for bilateral collaboration in trade and tourism," visiting Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou said when inaugurating the crossing with his Bulgarian counterpart Boyko Borissov.

It is also to facilitate the movement of Bulgarians who work in Greece in summer time.

The road between Zlatograd and Xanthi is designed for cars and small buses, and the new crossing could serve 700,000 people annually and its capacity is expected to grow.

Bulgaria and Greece share a border of 493 km. Another border crossing at Ivaylovgrad-Kyprinos is also planned to open in 2010. —Xinhua



A fisherman fastens a boat trapped in the frozen sea at Xikou village of Yantai, Shandong province, January 13, 2010. China's Ministry of Transport (MOT) called for efforts to reduce accidents caused by sea ice following recent frequent cold waves to ensure safe and smooth navigation on the sea and operation at ports, Xinhua News Agency reported.—INTERNET

Many children not getting second H1N1 dose

BATON ROUGE, 16 Jan—With H1N1 waning, many US parents have failed to have their children get the second dose of the H1N1 vaccine, health officials say.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention advises children under age 10 receive two doses of H1N1 vaccine — about one month apart — while adults are advised to get one dose of the vaccine. A third wave of H1N1 is possible, the CDC officials say.

Up to 80 percent of children under age 10 who got a first dose of the

H1N1 are overdue for the second dose of the vaccine in some states, *USA Today* reported on Friday.

"My fears are people have truly lost interest in H1N1," Frank Welch, medical director for pandemic preparedness in Louisiana, told *USA Today*. Eighteen percent of the 97,778 children in Louisiana have received the booster, 25 percent are overdue, and the rest are coming due.

USA Today surveyed 14 states that require all H1N1 doses be recorded in registries and among the 10 that responded 83

percent of the 168,497 children in Georgia who got a first dose are due overdue for their second.

In Texas, 80 percent of 311,000 children are overdue for their second dose of H1N1 vaccine and in Michigan, 24 percent of 271,550 children have received a second dose, about 60,000 are overdue, and some 146,000 are due or coming due.

Internet

A newspaper vendor holds dailies highlighting on their front pages the arrest of alleged drug trafficker Tedodoro Garcia Simental in Tijuana, Mexico, on 13 Jan 2010. Garcia Simental, known as 'El Teo', was arrested Tuesday on the Baja California peninsula.—INTERNET

Rocket strikes diplomatic area in Afghan capital

KABUL, 16 Jan — A rocket slammed into a Kabul District housing several embassies, the latest in a series of attacks in the Afghan capital despite heavy security measures.

In southern Afghanistan, two NATO service members were killed on

Friday by a roadside bomb, the alliance said without giving their nationalities.

No casualties were reported in Friday's nighttime blast in Kabul, which occurred in the Wazir Akbar Khan District that includes the German, Japanese and British em-

bassies. Police said the rocket landed on side street and broke a few windows.

Such attacks are far rarer in Kabul than in Baghdad during the height of the Iraq war, when the Iraqi capital was shaken daily by numerous explosions.

Internet



Germans to profit from British wind boom

BERLIN, 16 Jan—Britain's multibillion-dollar offshore wind adventure is great news for two German companies: Siemens and REpower are the only companies producing turbines for farms at sea, but several others are poised to enter this lucrative emerging market.

Last week Britain awarded 16 European utilities licenses to develop wind farms off the British coastlines. The \$160 billion programme is designed to make the country the world's leader in offshore wind energy.

Siemens and REpower, both based in Germany, are the only firms producing turbines specifically designed to withstand the harsh conditions

at sea.

Fritz Vahrenholt, head of RWE's renewable energy daughter firm Innogy, has said the market would benefit from more players. RWE, the German energy giant, has a hand in several offshore wind farms in the North Sea and is part of a consortium that was awarded licenses in Britain.

For its North Sea farm, RWE has chosen REpower's 6 megawatt model, the largest on the market when it comes to generation capacity. Siemens' biggest turbine has a 3.6 MW capacity.

Internet

A fisherman rows a boat on the waters of partially dried-up river Jehlum, one of the Kashmir's main river, in Srinagar on 14 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET



Parents say conjoined twins growing

LONDON, 16 Jan—Surgeons want 6-week-old conjoined twins to grow and gain strength before deciding whether to separate them, officials in London say.

The brothers are to spend time with their parents at their home in Ireland and return this year to Great Ormond Street Hospital, said Dr. Edward Kiely, a pediatric surgeon at the hospital.

"The surgical team here is the most experienced in Europe at assessing and, if necessary, separating conjoined

twins," Kiely said in a story published on Friday in *The Daily Telegraph*.

Doctors and the boys' family have not publicly said at what part of their bodies the twins are joined, but it is likely they have separate hearts and circulatory systems if doctors are talking about the possibility of separating them, the *Telegraph* reported. The twin were eating well and gaining weight, said a statement from their parents, who asked to remain anonymous.—Internet

Al-Qaeda threat to World Cup: S African institute

JOHANNESBURG, 16 Jan—South African criminal elements and isolated rebel and political groups do not pose a threat to security during this year's FIFA Soccer World Cup, but the Islamic fundamentalist group al-Qaeda does, South African Institute of Race Relations said on Friday. "The threat we have to be concerned with revolves around the possibility that an al-Qaeda-aligned movement may use the tournament as a platform upon which to launch a massive strike against a western tar-

get in South Africa," said Frans Cronje, the institute's deputy director.

Writing on the South African Institute of Race Relations website, Cronje said that South Africa's porous borders posed a particular problem as did the fact that it was easy to obtain fraudulent documents to live and work in SA under an assumed name.

"This would provide little challenge to an al-Qaeda cell to infiltrate any weaponry or personnel into the country ahead of the 2010 World Cup.—Xinhua

J&J recalls more products after unusual odor

WASHINGTON 16 Jan—Johnson & Johnson's consumer division is recalling more than 53 million bottles of over-the-counter products including Tylenol, Motrin and Rolaid after reports of an unusual odor, expanding on an issue that led to a Tylenol recall last year.

The latest voluntary recall, which drew a sharp rebuke from US regulators on Friday, followed

consumer reports of "an unusual moldy, musty, or mildew-like odor that, in a small number of cases, was associated with temporary and non-serious gastrointestinal events," the company said. Such events included nausea, stomach pain, vomiting and diarrhoea.

The Food and Drug Administration said the company had received about 70 complaints in 2008 of an intestinal

problem or an unusual smell with Tylenol caplets but failed to report the problem to regulators until a year later.

The recall involves lots in the Americas, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Fiji. In addition to pain relievers Motrin and Tylenol, and the Rolaid's antacid, the recall also involved the Benadryl allergy drug and St Joseph's Aspirin.

Internet

SPORTS

Evra certain United will retain Premier League title

MANCHESTER, 16 Jan—Manchester United defender Patrice Evra is convinced his side will prove the critics wrong by retaining the Premier League. Sir Alex Ferguson's side have been criticised by some pundits after an inconsistent first half of the season marred by five league defeats and a shock FA Cup third round exit against League One club Leeds United.

United missed a chance



Manchester United's French defender Patrice Evra

to replace Chelsea on top of the table when they were held to a draw at Birmingham last weekend, but France left-back Evra insists the way the champions have stayed in touch with the leaders despite a host of injuries is proof that they will last the pace better than anyone. "I am sure we will win the league this year," he said. "Tell me another team that would have nine defenders injured like that and still only be one point away from the leaders.—Internet

Palmer takes 1-shot lead at Sony

HONOLULU, 16 Jan—Ryan Palmer tried to pretend that his good opening round in the Sony Open never happened. He played just as well Friday, closing with two birdies for a 4-under 66 that gave him a one-shot lead over some familiar company. Having stumbled into an article about how defending champion Zach Johnson never looks ahead, Palmer stayed calm in an ocean breeze and surged into the lead at Waialae with a drive so big on the par-5 18th that he had only an 8-iron into the green for an easy birdie.

Internet

Klose breaks goal drought to fire Bayern top

BERLIN, 16 Jan—Germany striker Miroslav Klose came off the bench to help fire Bayern Munich back to the top of the Bundesliga after more than 600 days away as the German giants beat Hoffenheim 2-0 on Friday. Despite being top-scorer at the 2006 World Cup, this was Klose's first league goal of the season and he started the game as third-choice striker behind Germany team-mate Mario Gomez and Croatia's Ivica Olic.

Klose, 31, took over from Olic after 63 minutes and then netted from close-range on 86 min-



Bayern Munich's striker Miroslav Klose

utes to hand Louis van Gaal's Bayern a single-point lead at the top of the table as action resumed after the long winter break. "It is good to be league leaders again and it was nice to be able to get a goal," said Klose. It was the best proof to van Gaal that Klose is back in business and the Dutchman said the victory is a clear message to the rest of the Bundesliga — Bayern are back in business. "I think the rest of the league has seen we have a good team," said van Gaal.

Internet

Ivory Coast into quarters, chaos reigns at Cup of Nations

LUANDA, 16 Jan — Day six of the Africa Cup of Nations had Ivory Coast beaming, Mali fuming, and Algeria left out in the cold by their national media and accused of gamesmanship by organisers. Friday's lone action came from Cabinda where competition favourites Ivory Coast became the first of the 15 Nations Cup teams to reach the quarter finals. They did it the hard way, defeating a severely depleted Ghana 3-1 with 10 men.

The Elephants were down a player on 56 minutes when Arsenal defender Emmanuel Eboué was red-carded for a vicious tackle from behind on Opoku Agyemang. By then Lille forward Kouassi 'Gervinho' had already put them in

front. Siaka Tiéne scored direct from a free-kick after 67 minutes and Chelsea striker Didier Drogba completed the victory in the final minute.—Internet



Ivory Coast's striker and team captain Didier Drogba celebrates his goal against Ghana during their group stage match for the Africa Cup of Nations CAN 2010, in Carinda, Angola.—INTERNET

Ferguson confident Owen has United future

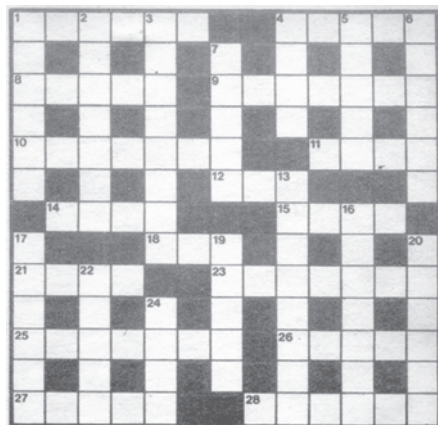


Manchester United's forward Michael Owen

MANCHESTER, 16 Jan—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson is adamant that Michael Owen, who is desperate to feature in the World Cup, has a future at Old Trafford. Despite a Champions League hat-trick against Wolfsburg, Owen has been on the bench for United's last three games and on Sat-

urday was even overlooked in favour of new recruit Mame Biram Diouf at Birmingham. Owen's frustrations would not have been eased by the ongoing concerns over Dimitar Berbatov, whose form has been affected by a lingering knee injury. "Michael needs games and we are going to try and solve the problem," said Ferguson. "It is just about the blend with your strikers. Sometimes, with the strength I have got in midfield, it suits us to play with one striker and we like to see Wayne Rooney through the middle.—Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Curb
- 4 Sugary
- 8 Drive back
- 9 View
- 10 Vulcanised rubber
- 11 Commotion
- 12 Boy's name (dim.)
- 14 Note
- 15 Charity
- 18 Legume
- 21 Disembark
- 23 Cross-beam
- 25 Sale
- 26 Cures
- 27 Occurrence
- 28 Mean

Down

- 1 Infertile
- 2 Ameliorate
- 3 Sweetmeat on stick
- 4 Earth
- 5 Decree
- 6 Holding
- 7 Desire what belongs to another
- 13 Long-distance
- 16 Communication
- 17 Gratify
- 19 Expiate
- 20 Tickled
- 22 Mother-of-pearl
- 24 Elevator

Liverpool new boy Rodriguez vows to bail out Benitez

LIVERPOOL, 16 Jan—Liverpool midfielder Maxi Rodriguez has vowed to help beleaguered boss Rafael Benitez by making an immediate impact at Anfield after his move from Atletico Madrid. Rodriguez, 29, arrived on Merseyside on a three-and-a-half-year contract just in time to see the Reds dumped out of the FA Cup by Championship strugglers Reading on Wednesday.—Internet

Bondarenko beats Peer in WTA Hobart final

HOBART, 16 Jan—Ukraine's Alona Bondarenko swept past Israeli Shahar Peer in straight sets



Ukraine's Alona Bondarenko (pictured) swept past Israeli Shahar Peer in straight sets to capture the Hobart WTA International title on Saturday.—INTERNET

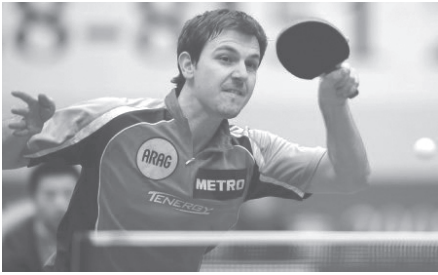
to capture the Hobart WTA International title here on Saturday. The fourth seeded Bondarenko downed the second seed, 6-2, 6-4 in the final in 73 minutes.

It was the 32nd-ranked Bondarenko's second career WTA title and took her career record to 3-3 against the 30th-ranked Peer. It was only Peer's second loss in seven WTA finals. Bondarenko now heads to Melbourne where she will face a yet unknown qualifier in the opening round of the Australian Open, while Peer takes on Czech Lucie Hradecka.—Internet

Wenger believes Campbell could win England recall

LONDON, 16 Jan—Arsene Wenger believes Sol Campbell is capable of winning a place in England's squad for the World Cup in South Africa after completing his surprise return to Arsenal. Campbell, 35, has signed a contract with the Gunners until the end of the season after walking out on Notts County last year just one match into his spell with the ambitious League Two club.

Wenger agreed to let Campbell, who spent five years with the north London club before joining Portsmouth in 2006, train with Arsenal to keep fit while he looked for another club. But he performed well enough in training to persuade Wenger to sign him up and now the Gunners boss is convinced he could even break into Fabio Capello's England plans. "It (England) is not the immediate target but you should not rule anything out," Wenger said on Friday.—Internet



Shakehand player, Germany's Timo Boll returns a shot against China's Ma Lin, a Penhold player, during a table tennis charity competition between the Shakehand team and the Penhold team in Chengdu, capital of Southwest China's Sichuan Province, 14 Jan. 2010. —INTERNET

Chinese teenager books berth as final qualifiers set for Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 16 Jan—Chinese teenager Han Xinyun madeit through to the Australian Open 2010 women's singles main draw after edging past Anastasia Pivovarov of Russia 7-6 (4), 1-6, 6-4 on Saturday.

Han, 19, is making her debut at the Australian Open and will face Australia's 13th seed Samantha Stosur in the first round. Meanwhile, Belgium's two top-seeded qualifiers have also progressed to the main draw

- but did so in the most contrasting of fashions.

In the women's event, world No. 16 Yanina Wickmayer thrashed her Spanish opponent Lourdes Lino Dominguez 6-0, 6-0 for a place in the first round of the main draw.

The Belgian had missed entry into the main draw because she was initially banned from the event for an anti-doping offence. That ban was revoked, but too late for her to enter the tournament's main draw.

Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (17-1-2010) (Sunday)

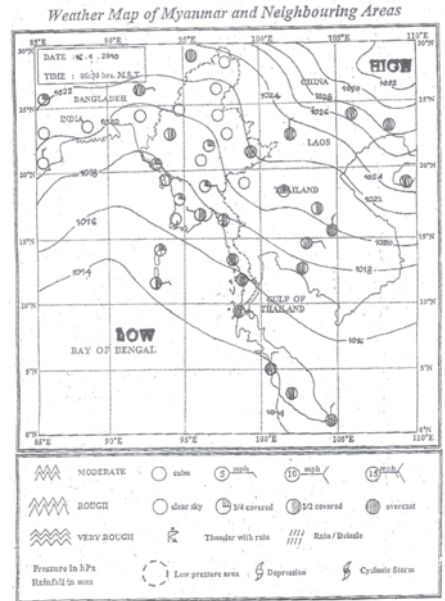
Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am) MST
Europe	- (19:30pm~21:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * The Splendour of Mt. Victoria (Natmataung)
 - * Stone Inscription
 - * The Incredible Edifice (The Ananda Temple)
 - * National Dance
 - * Welcome to Ngwe Hsaung
 - * The Art of Glass Mosaic
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- #### Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The Splendour of Mt. Victoria (Natmataung)
- * Stone Inscription
- * The Incredible Edifice (The Ananda Temple)
- * National Dance
- * Welcome to Ngwe Hsaung
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * The Art of Glass Mosaic
- * The Art of Stone Sculpture
- * Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Yangon to Mawlamyein)
- * Fantastic Scenic Sunsets of Myanmar
- * Colourful Lotus-Shaped Candles
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Unforgettable Traditional Food
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Saturday, 16th January, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhie State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above January average temperatures in Bago Division and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Loilem (3°C) and Putao (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 15-1-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 16-1-2010 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-1-2010 was 77%. Total sun shine hours on 15-1-2010 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 16-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (3) mph from Northeast at (16:30) hours MST on 15-1-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 17th January 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division 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 17-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar



Sunday, 17
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

(စောမင်းနောင်၊စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊
တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေး
တင့်အောင်)

7:55 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(ဂုဏ်)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:15 am

7. Musical Programm

8:30 am

8. International News

8:35 am

9. Crossroads Cafe (Episod-25) (Comings and Goings)

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:25 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:40 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ဟာသကမ္ဘာ"

(အပိုင်း-၆၄)

12:40 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

1:00 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်

"တစ်ခါတစ်ရံမှပေးပါစေ"

(ခွေးမလေး၊မေသန်းနု၊

စိုးမိုးကြည်)(ခရိုင်ကတား-ကြီးမြင့်)

2:40 pm

7. International News

3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009)

ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်

ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်

(ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် (FC)

အသင်းနှင့် ရတနာပုံ (FC)

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5:45 pm

2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather Report

6:20 pm

5. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ

"သူတို့သာလျှင်အမှန်တကယ်"

(သူရလင်း၊သွေးသစ်၊

ခရစ္စတီးနား) (ခရိုင်ကတား-မေတင် (MMG)

6:45 pm

6. "ရင်နှစ်ပန်းတို့လန်းစေချင်"

(ဖြိုးငွေစိုးမိုးလှစ်၊

မျိုးသန္တာထွန်း၊ခင်စိုးပိုင်၊

အေးသီတာ) (ခရိုင်ကတား-သိန်းတန်(မီးနစ်))

7:00 pm

7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"တော်ဝင်နွယ်သား"

(အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm

8. News

9. International News

10. Weather Report

11. တာဝန်အစီအစဉ်

"မိုင်မိုင်ဆေးဆေးစုစုနီးနီး"

(အပိုင်း-၇၈)

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"နွေးဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ"

(အပိုင်း-၃၀)

13. "ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ"

- ★ 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

Labutta like a phoenix rising from the ashes

Byline & Photos: Ko Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

Storm-hit Labutta Township has been developing gradually with new towns and villages due to combined efforts of the State, people, Tatmadaw and wellwishers at home and abroad for rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in storm-ravaged regions.

Now, nearly every household in Labutta has access to electricity following the emergence of 66 KV sub-power station. Previously, MRTV had been the only television channel for Labutta dwellers. But, they now can switch over to Myawady channel.

Lamp posts in Labutta have been reconstructed and most of the roads in the township have been upgraded into tarred ones. Ministry of Livestock and Fishery and private companies provided 4,951 fishing boats and 9,487 fishing nets for Labutta Township.

Ministry of Mines granted K 2,646 million for 763 salt makers for regeneration of salt-making industry in the township. Furthermore, 88 tractors, 126 power tillers, 267 water pumps and 137,800 gallons of gasoline have been provided to the township so far.

Fourteen private companies constructed 4,548 houses for 50 villages in the township. And now local people live in the same home in happiness.

Private companies have been building cyclone shelters with capacity for hundreds of people in Pyinsalu, Zinywelay, Poelaung, Thingangyi, Saluseik and Thitpoke villages. Moreover, 2-inch-diameter tube wells were sunk in those villages for supply of potable water.

A total of 266 schools in urban and rural areas were destroyed in the storm Nargis. Ministry of

Education has been rebuilding the schools in collaboration with wellwishers. So far, Ministry of Education has reconstructed 60 schools and donors 40.

Labutta Township Development Affairs Committee has opened Shwe Nadi modern floating market

and a new market is also under construction.

The Township DAC started to establish 3rd Mile new town at the exit of Labutta on the way to Myaungmya in January, 2009 and has so far reclaimed 716 plots of land. (See page 9)



Cyclone Shelter which can accommodate 500 people under construction in Thitpoke village, Labutta Township.