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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

## Secretary-1 receives Vice-President of China Eximbank of PRC and party

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Vice-President of China Eximbank of the People's Republic of China Mr Su Zhong at the State Peace and Development Council Office here this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Thiha

Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Thein Swe, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office U Kyaw Kyaw Win and Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein. The guests were accompanied by Counsellor Mr Jin Honggen of PRC Embassy in Myanmar.

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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.



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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Promote tourism industry during peak season

Now, the dry season is setting in and tourists are entering Myanmar. In the cold season, Myanmar is simply attractive to tourists. State's stability, community peace and hospitality of locals are one of the reasons why tourists choose Myanmar as a place for leisure activities.

This cold season, the number of tourist arrivals is higher than that the same period in previous years. In particular, tourists are visiting Bagan by air, by water and by land. Up to November, the number of tourist arrivals hit over 60,000, the majority of which were Europeans who want to enjoy natural beauty in the cold season.

Mostly, New Year festivals, traditional festivals, cultural shows and flower festivals of national races are held in the cold season, which draw the attention from tourists.

Bagan, an archaeological region, is full of ancient pagodas, cultural works, and archaeological buildings. Similarly, Mya Nan San Kyaw Palace, Mandalay Hill, gold foil workshops, tapestry workshops, Lun Yakyaw silk cord ware workshop, Mandalay Taungthaman Lake and U Pein Bridge are some of the tourist attractions in Mandalay.

So, extra quality services are to be offered during the peak season, especially five-star accommodation. It is needed to provide better charter flights, scheduled express buses and trains, private ships and cruise liners.

Today, tourism industry has become a popular, lucrative business all over the world. It is therefore to improve Myanmar's tourism industry, providing better services at peak times.

### Two golfers earn hole-in-one records at Myanmar Golf Club

YANGON, 20 Dec — While playing with U Maung Zaw, U Maung Maung and U Kyaw Zeya, U Aye Maung on 15 December scored hole-in-one with Titleist Pro VI No (2) ball and Honma Iron No (8) driver at hole No (17) from 142-yard distance at Myanmar Golf Club.

Similarly, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Golf Federation Col Aung Kyi (Retd) drove Srixon Soft Feel No (2) Ball with Srixon GIE Iron (9) driver with the only stroke into No (12) hole from 141-yard distance on 17 December while playing with U Khin Maung Ohn, U Ba Ohn (Australia) and U Tun Nyunt.

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**Minister for Mines  
U Ohn Myint  
addressing second  
Annual General  
Meeting of  
Myanmar Gems  
Entrepreneurs'  
Association.**

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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

### Industry-2 Minister visits No. 2 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun)

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein on 18 December visited No. 2 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun) and inspected production of rollers.

He inspected test-running of Mini Cutter Dredger developed through combination of machine tools at home and abroad.

In meeting with staff, the minister called for earning set income of the factory and minimizing wastage.—MNA



*Minister for  
Industry-2 U Soe  
Thein views rollers  
at No. 2 Agricultural  
Machinery Factory  
(Malun).  
INDUSTRY-2*

### U Paw Lwin Sein presents credentials to Governor-General of New Zealand

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec—U Paw Lwin Sein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to New Zealand, presented his Credentials to His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand, ONZM, QSO, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Realm of New Zealand, on 3 December 2010 in Auckland.—MNA

## MEGA holds 2nd Annual General Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs' Association held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting at Myanma Gems Museum here this afternoon.

It was attended by MGEA Patrons Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo and Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, departmental heads, the President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the chairman of MGEA, Vice-Presidents, CEC members and members.

Patron of the association Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint made a speech.

MGEA Chairman U Tay Za and UMFCFI President U Win Myint extended greetings.

Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanma Gems Enterprise explained matters relating to gems mining and selling.

In second session of the meeting, MGEA Joint Secretary-1 U Zaw Bo Khant presented the annual report of executive committee for 2009-2010 and Auditor Daw Htay Htay Kyi, financial statement.

Members made proposals on amending organizational set-ups and sought approvals. The CEC members of 2009-2010 then announced resignation. MGEA panel of patrons, CEC members and executives for 2011-2012 were named and sought approval. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of newly-appointed Chairman U Tay Za.

MNA





## 2010's world gone wild: Quakes, floods, blizzards

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec—This was the year the Earth struck back. Earthquakes, heat waves, floods, volcanoes, super typhoons, blizzards, landslides and droughts killed at least a quarter million people in 2010 — the deadliest year in more than a generation. More people were killed worldwide by natural disasters this year than have been killed in terrorism attacks in the past 40 years combined.

"It just seemed like it was back-to-back and it came in waves," said Craig Fugate, who heads the US Federal Emergency Management Agency. It handled a record number of disasters in 2010.

"The term '100-year event' really lost its meaning this year."

And we have ourselves to blame most of the time, scientists and disaster experts say.

Even though many catastrophes have the ring of random chance, the hand of man made this a particularly deadly, costly, extreme and weird year for everything from wild weather to earthquakes.

Poor construction and development practices conspire to make earthquakes more deadly than they need be. More people live in poverty in vulnerable buildings in crowded cities. That means that when the ground shakes, the river breaches, or the tropical cyclone hits, more people die.

Disasters from the Earth, such as earthquakes and volcanoes "are pretty much constant," said Andreas Schraft, vice president of catastrophic perils for the Geneva-based insurance giant Swiss Re. "All the change that's made is man-made." —*Internet*



*Iraqi security forces stand guard as a damaged vehicle is towed away after a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 20 Dec, 2010.*

INTERNET

## Militants destroy two NATO tankers in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 20 Dec—A Pakistani government official says militants have fired rockets at a NATO convoy carrying supplies to Afghanistan, destroying two oil tankers and wounding two people.

Iqbal Khan says traffic along the route has been suspended after Monday's attack in the Khyber tribal region.

He says two people travelling in the tankers sustained burns when the trucks were engulfed in flames.

Taliban militants occasionally attack trucks on NATO's main supply route through Pakistan, though the vast majority of the goods are untouched. Criminal gangs also sometimes destroy the vehicles.

Internet

*Afghan firefighters try to extinguish a burning truck carrying fuel for NATO forces in Behsud District of Nangarhar Province on 16 December, 2010.*

INTERNET



*Investigators stand in front of a destroyed bus after a suicide attack in Kabul on 19 December, 2010.*

INTERNET

## Mexican City devastated by pipeline blast; 28 die

SAN MARTIN TEXMELUCAN, 20 Dec—A massive oil pipeline explosion lay waste to parts of a central Mexican City Sunday, incinerating people, cars, houses and trees as gushing crude turned streets into flaming rivers. At least 28 people were killed, 13 of them children, in a disaster authorities blamed on oil thieves.

The blast in San Martin Texmelucan, initially estimated to have affected 5,000 residents in a three-mile (five-kilometre) radius, scorched homes and cars and left metal and pavement twisted and in some cases burned to ash in the intense heat.

Relatives sobbed as firefighters pulled charred bodies from the incinerated homes, some

of the remains barely more than piles of ashes and bones.

Officials identified all but four of the dead by Sunday night. Although they released some names, they didn't say if they were all residents of the area or possible suspects.

Housewife Zoila Perez Cortes, 27, said she awoke about 5:30 am to a strange, overpowering smell, like gasoline.

Internet

*Soldiers remove household gas tanks that survived the fires and explosions after an oil pipeline exploded in San Martin Texmelucan, Mexico, on 19 Dec, 2010.*

INTERNET



## Fighting in Sudan's Darfur forces 12,000 to flee

KHARTOUM, 20 Dec—As many as 12,000 people have fled fresh fighting between Sudan's army and Darfur rebels and are heading toward already overcrowded camps and settlements in the strife-torn territory, peacekeepers said on Sunday.

Sudan's army has clashed with militants in the South Darfur Village of Khor Abeche at least three times this month, drawing sharp criticism from UN envoys.

"The Mission has noticed that approximately 12,000 people fled the area and are moving toward Shangil Tobaya and Zam Zam internally

displaced persons camp, near El Fasher, North Darfur," said Darfur's UNAMID peacekeepers in a statement.

Sudan's army attacked fighters from the Sudan Liberation Movement loyal to Minni Arcua Minnawi last week and fighting continued on Friday, said the joint UN/African Union peacekeeping force.

Minnawi was the only rebel leader to sign a 2006 peace deal with the government.

Sudan's army declared Minnawi a military target earlier this month, accusing him of breaking a ceasefire and plotting to join rebels

still fighting the government.

The fighting was the final nail in the coffin for the troubled peace deal, which was boycotted by the region's two main rebel groups and did nothing to halt the spread of lawlessness, banditry and violence in the territory.

Reuters

## Roadside bomb, shooting kill seven in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 20 Dec—A roadside bomb planted at a checkpoint south of the capital Mogadishu killed six Somali government soldiers when they tried to remove it in a car and it exploded, a police officer said on Monday.

A civilian was killed in error when soldiers thinking they were under attack opened fire, the officer said.

Somalia has had no effective central government for 19 years and Western efforts to install one to stabilise the country have been greatly undermined by an insurgency by al-Qaeda-linked al-Shabaab insurgents and the Hizbul Islam group.

It was not known who had planted the device at Ex-control, a government checkpoint south of Mogadishu where vehicles to and from the capital are inspected.

"The blast killed 7, 6 government soldiers and a civilian and injured 11 government soldiers," Mohamed Muktar, a senior police officer at the checkpoint, told Reuters.

"At the checkpoint are police and military. Our police detected and removed the roadside bomb but unfortunately it went off when it was about to be transported. One of our cars was also completely destroyed," he said.—*MNA/Reuters*





## Science



### Where unconscious memories form

NEW YORK, 20 Dec—A small area deep in the brain called the perirhinal cortex is critical for forming unconscious conceptual memories, researchers at the UC Davis Centre for Mind and Brain have found.

The perirhinal cortex was thought to be involved, like the neighbouring hippocampus, in “declarative” or conscious memories, but the new results show that the picture is more complex, said lead

author Weichun Wang, a graduate student at UC Davis. The results were published 9 Dec in the journal *Neuron*.

We’re all familiar with memories that rise from the unconscious mind. Imagine looking at a beach scene, said Wang. A little later, someone mentions surfing, and the beach scene pops back into your head.

Declarative memories, in contrast, are those where we recall being on

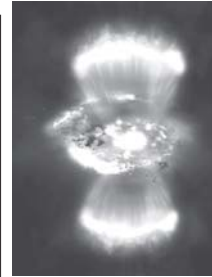
that beach and watching that surf competition: “I remember being there.”

Damage to a structure called the hippocampus affects such declarative “I remember” memories, but not conceptual memories, Wang said. Neuroscientists had previously thought the same was true for the perirhinal cortex, which is located immediately next to the hippocampus.

Internet

### Looking back in time to see Stars Bursting into Life

NEW YORK, 20 Dec—A UK-led international team of astronomers have presented the first conclusive evidence for a dramatic surge in star birth in a newly discovered population of massive galaxies in the early Universe. Their measurements confirm the idea that stars formed most rapidly about 11 billion years ago, or about three billion years after the Big Bang, and that



An artist's rendition of the core of one of the new SPIRE 'hot starburst' galaxies.—INTERNET

the rate of star formation is much faster than was thought.

The scientists used the European Space Agency's Herschel Space Observatory, an infrared telescope with a mirror 3.5 m in diameter, launched in 2009. They studied the distant objects in detail with the Spectral and Photometric Imaging Receiver (SPIRE) camera, obtaining solid evidence that the galaxies are forming stars at a tremendous rate and have large reservoirs of gas that will power the star formation for hundreds of millions of years.

Dr Scott Chapman, from the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge, has presented the new results in a paper in a special edition of the journal *Monthly Notices* of the Royal Astronomical Society focusing on results from Herschel.—Internet

Reuters



A researcher works in his laboratory at the Institute for Stem cell Therapy and Exploration of Monogenic Diseases.

INTERNET

### Stem cells used to make pancreas, gut cells

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec—Stem cells can be transformed into the pancreatic cells needed to treat diabetes and into complex layers of intestinal tissue, scientists demonstrated in two experiments reported on Sunday.

In one, a team turned immature sperm cells into pancreatic tissue, while another team turned embryonic stem cells into complex layers of intestinal tissue.

Both studies show new ways to use stem cells, which are the body's master cells and which can come from a variety of sources.

A team at Georgetown University in Washington worked with spermatogonial stem cells, master cells that give rise to sperm in men.

Ian Gallicano and colleagues used germ-derived pluripotent stem cells, which are made from the spermatogonial stem cells. They nurtured these cells in the lab with compounds designed to make these cells start acting like pancreatic beta cells, which produce insulin.

Reuters



## Technology



### 'Big App' is watching you, with iPhone worse offender than Android

NEW YORK, 20 Dec—Your smartphone may be secretly transmitting to “outsiders,” such as ad networks, your name, your location, your age, your gender, your phone number, your unique device number and other personal data without your knowledge or consent.

As part of a series of articles on privacy, Scott Thurm and Yukari Iwatani Kane reported in the *Wall Street Journal* that smartphones “don’t keep secrets. They are sharing this personal data widely and regularly.”

The reporters, reviving the spyware controversy in the new era of apps, examined 101 apps and found that 56 of them transmitted the smartphone's unique device ID and 47 apps transmitted the phone's location.

Daniel Eran Dilger said in Apple

Insider: “The findings might be news to some smartphone users, who are rarely presented with simple, straightforward information about individual apps’ privacy policy.”

The limited survey—where Apple (AAPL) offers hundreds of thousands of apps for the iPhone—found: “iPhone apps transmitted more data than the apps on phones using Google (GOOG) Inc's Android operating system.”

For example, the reporters said the worst offender in the survey was textPlus 4 for texting on iPhone, which sent unique ID numbers to eight ad companies, along with age and gender to two. The popular music app Pandora transmitted age, gender, location and phone ID to ad networks.

Internet



Traveller Sul-hee Kim, 25, of Seoul, looks for travel applications on her iPhone 4G at a restaurant in the Sultanhamet area of Istanbul, Turkey, in this 30 September, 2010 file photo.

INTERNET

### Notion Ink demos potential Apple iPad killer

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec—As promised, Notion Ink has posted a video today showing the sight unseen Android tablet, the Adam, which is being touted as the strongest of the potential iPad killers.

The Adam is a 10-inch tablet starting at \$375.33, and runs on a customized Eden UI which combines elements from Android 2.3 and 3.0. Pre-orders began two weeks ago, although the company has not confirmed a shipment date.

In a blog post Rohan Shrivastava, founder and CEO of Notion Ink, said he wanted to wait until CES to demo the Adam, “but I can’t stand against all of you.”

The wordless video shows off the Adam's super-responsive touch screen and processing speeds even while running several heavy apps at a time. According to the blog post, the tablet in the video is loaded to mimic the device of a heavy user but doesn't show HD video playback and

high definition games “you have already seen on all the Tegra Capable devices.”

According to the demo, the Adam appears capable of performing all sorts of tasks with one finger, unlike the Apple iPad, like stretching content and scrolling through a page.—Internet



In this publicity image released by King Features Syndicate, comic strips ‘Baby Blues,’ left, and ‘Hagar the Horrible,’ are displayed on a portable digital device.—INTERNET

### Google rolls out Shared Spaces using Wave technology

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec—Google Labs has quietly debuted Shared Spaces, using Google Wave technology to let users quickly create a space with collaborative gadgets and a chat box inside.

As soon as it's open to the general public, it will be simple and quick to create a space, grab a gadget from the gallery of 50 that already exist, and then paste the Space's URL into a chat window, e-mail

message, tweet or any other content-sharing platform. If users know JavaScript, they can create their own gadgets and then rapidly build a Space around it, inviting all to participate.

Google didn't say when this semi-closed Shared Spaces beta will be available for everyone, but it's nice to know that there is yet another form in which Google Wave will still continue to exist.—Internet



## Health

### Health Tip: Reduce the risk of pinworm infection

Pinworm is the most common worm infection in the United States, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention confirms.

It can affect people of any age or socioeconomic status, although it most commonly affects school-age children, the CDC says.

Most often, the infection is acquired by putting the fingers in the mouth after touching a contaminated surface. Humans are the only known host of pinworms, which the CDC says cannot be acquired from pets.

Here are the CDC's suggestions to reduce the risk of pinworm infection:

- \* Wash hands well and often with soap and water, especially before touching food, after using the toilet, and after diaper changes.
- \* Make sure fingernails are trimmed short and kept clean.
- \* Don't bite fingernails.
- \* Avoid scratching near the anus.
- \* Give children a daily bath or shower and change underwear daily.
- \* Wash all clothing, linens and undergarments regularly in hot water.—Internet



**Scientists on Sunday said they had discovered a bouquet of proteins that play a critical role in the development of more than 130 brain diseases.**

**Their study also highlights a surprising link between these disorders — including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's — and the evolution of human behaviour, they said.**

INTERNET

### Fruits and vegetables save lives

OXFORD, 20 Dec — Researchers say if Britons adhered to current British dietary recommendations, 33,000 lives could be saved yearly.

The study, published online in the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, finds one dietary recommendation — striving for five fruits and vegetables daily — would account for nearly half of those saved lives.

"In order to achieve a reduction in mortalities similar to those attained by achieving the fruit and vegetables recommendation, the salt recommendation should be set at 3.5 grams per day," the study authors say in a statement. The current British daily recommendation is 6 grams.

Oxford University researchers, led by Peter Scarborough, fed data for 2005 to 2007 from four British countries on deaths from cardiovascular disease and cancer, food/nutrient consumption and the results of analyses of published evidence of diet's effect on mortality into a conceptual — DIETRON model — framework.

Internet



**Bottle of water for sale in Chicago. A US environmental group has found that drinking water in 35 American cities contains hexavalent chromium, a probable carcinogen, The Washington Post reported.**

INTERNET

### Keeping holiday drinking in check may counter cancer

NEW YORK, 20 Dec—Though holiday partying often includes alcohol consumption, cancer experts are urging partiers to partake moderately.

"Research shows that drinking even a small amount of alcohol increases your chances of developing cancer, including oral cancer, breast cancer and liver cancer," Clare McKindley, clinical dietician in the Cancer Prevention Centre at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre, said in a news release from the centre.

"Researchers are still trying to learn more about how alcohol links to cancer," she added. "But convincing evidence does support the fact that heavy drinking damages cells and increases the risk for cancer development."

To reduce risk, experts say, drinkers can do a number of things. First, stick to the recommended serving size. A drink is defined as 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of liquor.—Internet



### An inconvenient housing sector

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec—Wall Street banks have been gripped by a certain euphoria in recent weeks, with their economists touting a modest improvement in US data as an omen of more robust growth to come in 2011.

Housing figures next week may inject a dose of sobriety into these forecasts. Anticipation of a strong

expansion, coupled with worries about the budget deficit following a new tax deal in Washington, have pushed Treasury bond yields that directly affect mortgage rates sharply higher.

This raises the concern that a still-struggling housing sector, the epicenter of the country's worst financial crisis in generations, may yet see further deterioration.

With Europe still reeling from a debt crisis that just will not go away, another bump on the road for the US economy might deprive the global recovery of not one but two key engines.

Reuters

### Dubai sells stake in Nasdaq OMX to repay debt

DUBAI, 20 Dec— Borse Dubai, a majority stake-holder of Dubai Financial Market, has sold a 672 million-dollar share of its stake in Nasdaq OMX to help repay a 2.45 billion-dollar loan that matures in February.

The company sold 22.78 million shares for 497 million dollars to Nasdaq OMX itself, and eight million shares worth 175 million dollars to Nomura, it said in a statement carried by local media on Friday.

Borse Dubai, owned by the Dubai government holding group Investment Corporation of Dubai (ICD), also raised



**Emirati men walk past the stock market activity board at the stock exchange in Dubai, 2009. Borse Dubai, a majority stake-holder of Dubai Financial Market, has sold a 672 million-dollar share of its stake in Nasdaq OMX to help repay a 2.45 billion-dollar loan that matures in February.—INTERNET**



**A woman stands next to self-check-in machines for Cathay Pacific at Hong Kong's international airport. Cathay pilots make between 33,000 and 144,000 Hong Kong dollars (4,200 and 18,500 US dollars) a month depending on seniority, while foreign-hired staff also receive school-fee allowances and a housing subsidy.**

INTERNET

### The worst performed the best in this bull market

NEW YORK, 20 Dec—The daredevils are winning big this year.

Investors who bought the riskiest stocks when the economic recovery was in doubt this year are clocking the biggest gains. Among them: stocks from companies at risk of defaulting on their debt, ones already priced high and those that other investors bet would drop fast. Returns from this dicey lot are as much as double the gains in the broad market. "Greed is increasing, and people are going to risky stocks for higher return," says Paul Hickey, co-founder of stock researcher Bespoke Investment Group.

Consider shares of companies that rating agencies think could stiff lenders. Stocks of so-called junk-rated companies rose 19 percent from the start of the year through 16 Dec, according to Bespoke. By comparison, those of stable and flush companies with ratings of AA or higher returned six percent.—Internet



*Kids take part in games during the Basic Law Carnival in Hong Kong, south China, on 19 Dec, 2010. Hong Kong held the carnival on Sunday to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law.*

XINHUA

## Five people killed in fire in Southern Italy

ROME, 20 Dec— Five people were killed on early Sunday after a fire broke out at a house in southern Italian Province of Benevento, local media reported.

According to ANSA news agency, the victims included a 44-year-old woman and her four children. The woman's husband and father-in-law, both of whom were living in the same house with the victims when the fire broke out, managed to survive the incident.

Talking about the cause of the fire, rescuers said it was probably that the family did not put out the fireplace before going to bed. Accidentally, sparks from the burning wood ignited other objects and lit a gas tank, causing a terrible explosion.

Xinhua

## At least 10 killed, eight injured in Thai tour bus overturns in Malaysia

SIMPANG PULAI, 20 Dec — At least 10 were killed when a tour bus hit the road divider and overturned Monday morning here in Perak, a northern state in the west coast of Peninsula Malaysia, leaving at least eight others injured. It was estimated that there were about 45 people on board the ill-fated bus.

Meanwhile, a spokesman from the Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department was quoted as saying that at least 14 had been killed in the incident.

A police official told Xinhua that the incident happened between 11:45 am and 11:55 am when the bus was on its way down from Cameron Highlands, one of the famous highlands in Pahang, the neighbouring state of the Perak State in central Peninsula Malaysia.

Xinhua

## Two die as private jet crashes near Swiss ski resort

GENEVA, 20 Dec—A private jet crashed Sunday near the glitzy Swiss ski resort of St Moritz, killing both people aboard, police said.

The twin-engine plane was attempting to land at Engadin Airport about 125 miles (200 kilometers) east of the capital, Bern, before it crashed next to an electricity substation by the village of Bever.

The jet had flown from the Croatian Capital, Zagreb, regional police spokeswoman Sandro Pensa said.

Both people aboard died in the crash shortly after 3 pm (1400 GMT, 9 am EST), he said. The victims' nationalities weren't immediately known.—Internet

## Helicopter crash kills one in Russia

MOSCOW, 20 Dec—A helicopter crashed on the Russian Arctic island of Yamal, killing a crew commander and injuring 15 passengers, said the Russian Aviation Committee (Rosaviatsia) Sunday. The Mi-8 aircraft of Yamal Airlines, with three crew members and 15 geologists aboard, crashed near the Bovanevo gas field, RIA Novosti news agency reported.

"The passengers received injuries of various degree of gravity while the crew commander was killed," Rosaviatsia said. The chopper was badly damaged in the crash, Interfax news agency reported.

The Interstate Aviation Committee has set up a commission to look into the incident.

Xinhua

*An artist takes photographs of the a traditional dancer during an open air exhibition showcasing the works of young artists supported by the Sudanese Artist Union and Ministry of Culture, along the bank of the Blue Nile in Khartoum, on 18 December, 2010.*

INTERNET



## Chevron confirms breach of Nigerian pipeline

LAGOS, 20 Dec—Chevron confirmed on Monday that one of its pipelines was breached in Nigeria, causing a suspension in production, after a militant group over the weekend claimed to bomb three different facilities.

Chevron "confirms that there was a breach on its Dibi-Abiteye pipeline in Delta state on Friday, 17 December," the US oil giant said in a statement.

"We have suspended production to minimise environmental impact and have informed relevant government agencies and other stakeholders. The breach is being investigated and we are reviewing our operations."

It did not provide figures on how much oil was affected by the suspension.

A militant faction claimed on Saturday to have carried out bombings of three oil flow stations operated by Chevron and Italian firm Agip.

The faction, the Niger Delta



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Liberation Force, is believed to be run by a notorious gang leader, John Togo, whom the military has been pursuing in recent weeks in the Niger Delta, the country's main oil-producing region.

A recent operation in pursuit of Togo in a village led to the deaths of civilians. The military says eight soldiers and six civilians were killed.

Internet



*An aircraft is de-iced on the snow covered tarmac of Zaventem international airport near Brussels on 19 December, 2010. Heavy snow and freezing temperatures caused travel chaos across northern Europe during the weekend, with about 1,500 passengers being stranded for the night in Brussels due to bad weather conditions.—XINHUA*

## Armed separatists take army officer hostage in south Yemen

SANAA, 20 Dec—Armed wing of the Yemeni separatist Southern Movement took an army officer as hostage in the southern Province of Lahj to press for the release of a

number of their activists, a security official of the Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

Captain Mohammed Ali Abdullah Hadween, who is also a prominent chieftain of a pro-government northern influential tribe, was held late on Saturday in a checkpoint set up by the armed separatists while he was among passengers travelling from Aden to the Capital Sanaa, the official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

"It is a dangerous development that the armed separatists began to establish their own checkpoints for terrorizing passengers along the safest highway in Lahj that links major southern Provinces to the north," the Sanaa-based official said.

"Hadween's tribe has dispatched high-level tribal mediators to visit the chieftains and dignitaries of Lahj to seek his release," he added.

Xinhua



## No matter how expert the youth are in technology, they will not be able to serve interests of State and people without spirit of cherishing the nation and people

### Information Minister addresses award ceremony for school library development and developing reading habit festival



**Patron of Rural Library Foundation Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents publications for village libraries through an official.**

MNA

YANGON, 20 Dec—The prize-presentation ceremony for the school library development and developing reading habit festival was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Dagon Myothit (North) Township here yesterday morning. Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan addressed the ceremony and awarded prize-winning students in the essay, poem and extempore talks competitions.

Present on the occasion were departmental officials of the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Education, the chairman and CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, members of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Music Asiayon, members of social organizations, artists, teachers and students.

Speaking on the occasion, Patron of Rural Library Foundation Minister U Kyaw Hsan said

today's youth are strength of future nation that will serve the interests of the State and the people. To be able to gain full strength, there needs two fundamental points—quantity and quality. Strength cannot emerge without those two factors. So, students are to try to be equipped themselves with quantity and quality.

Today is the age of knowledge. Global countries are striving to develop in all aspects, including productivity, with the use of technology. If the country itself is unable to catch up with other nations in terms of technology, it will have to suffer a delay of progress. Therefore, the youth are to work hard for technological development in order to keep abreast of other nations. But, they will not be able to serve the interests of the nation and the people without a fundamental spirit no matter how expert they are in technology. They will not be the strength of the nation. And they can even do harm to the nation sometimes. So, it is necessary to have a fundamental spirit, which means the spirit of loving the nation and the people, noted the minister.

Today's ceremony is a shot in the arm for the young people to try to become skilled in technology and develop their morale and morality. So, the similar ceremony will be held across the nation. It started in Dagon Myothit (North) Township. Now, a total of 55755 village libraries have been opened nationwide. The amount of investment in the establishment of libraries is K 11.9 billion. However, there has been no guarantee for long-term durability of those libraries. So, measures are being taken to equip the libraries with five characteristics. More than half of the nation's libraries have been equipped with those characteristics. Continued efforts are being made for the remaining.

As the Rural Library Foundation has been established, it will be a main organization responsible for long-term durability of the libraries and human resource development. To raise the funds of the foundation, the system of seeking funds based on community will be adopted. Therefore, all the people are urged to continue to render assistance to the foundation.

The foundation will do its best not only to get the people to develop constant reading habit but also to fulfill the needs of education and health sectors, the minister concluded.

Next, MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and Village Library Foundation Chairman U Maung Maung made speeches. Then, documentaries on the activities of the festival were shown to those present with the use of projector.

The minister and officials awarded the prize winning students. Then, the minister donated publications for three village libraries that have the five characteristics and a Sky Net TV receiver for No.1 BEHS. U Maung Maung donated publications for five school libraries.

At the ceremony, wellwishers donated periodicals, exercise books and stationery worth K 8716350. The donations will be distributed to 29 schools.—MNA



**Patron of Rural Library Foundation Minister U Kyaw Hsan awards an outstanding student.**

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### Technical Cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand discussed



NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Thai delegation led by Mr Apinan Phata Athiyanon, Director

General of the Thai International Cooperation Agency (TICA) of Ministry of Foreign

Affairs of Thailand, left Yangon for Thailand on 17 December after attending the coordi

nation meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-Thailand Consultation on Technical Cooperation

held at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 15 and 16 December.

They were seen off at

Yangon International Airport by Director-General U Maung Wai of International Organizations and Economic Department, the Thai Ambassador to Myanmar and officials.

At the meeting, Myanmar and Thai delegations discussed matters relating to technical cooperation between the two countries.

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## Kengtung-Wenkaung railroad section...

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Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Minister for Cooperatives U Tin Htut, Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thuang Lwin and U Pe Than, senior military officers, the Managing Director and staff of Myanmar Railways, State and District

level departmental officials, local people and members of social organizations.

The commander and the Rail Transportation Minister made speeches.

A local spoke words of thanks. The commander and the ministers cordially greeted those present at the ceremony.

The commander and the ministers had



**Commander Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo unveils stone inscription at opening of Kengtung-Wenkaung road section.—MNA**



**Minister U Tin Htut presents gifts to local people on board.—MNA**



**Local people on board the special train.—MNA**

documentary photo taken together with local people at the ceremony.

The commander, the ministers and officials formally opened the commemorative stone inscription and sprinkled it with scented water.

After sprinkling the special train, the commander and the ministers presented gifts to local people on board.

They inspected Kengtung-Wenkaung railroad section while going on a trip with the

special train to Wenkaung Railway Station where they cordially greeted local people.

Newly-opened Kengtung-Wenkaung railroad section has the length of 5.6 miles and is the very first railroad section of 226-mile Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project commissioned into service.

Myanmar Railways had built the section with 17 bridges, two stations,

18 turnings with maximum curve of 10° and maximum gradient of 1:80.

The transportation of locomotives and coaches which will ply on the railroad section was completed in a short range of time with cooperative contribution of staff of Myanmar Railways, officials of Public Works and of Township Electricity Supply, Tatmadawmen from local battalions.

**Local people on board the special train.—MNA**



Upon completion of 226-mile Mongnai-Kengtung railroad, Shan State (East) will see more development in various sectors following smooth and swift commodity flow.

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**Special train  
making its  
maiden trip on  
Kengtung-  
Wenkaung road  
section.**

MNA



## Yangon Command Commander meets film stars

**Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than makes speech in meeting with film stars.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than met artistes who will star in the 66<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day commemorative TV play “Tu-hnaing-melt-thitsar” at Myawady Publishing House in Yankin Township this morning.



The chairman of the Myanmar Motion Picture Association and

the director of the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise gave

accounts of filming.

An official presented facts about

the TV play.

The commander delivered a speech and

cordially greeted the film stars.

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**Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint inspects Gwegaung fortress.—MNA**

## Archaeological buildings in Magway Region inspected



River near Gwegaung Village in Magway Township, the minister called for maintenance of the fortress, which was built in 1861 by a French expert, an Italian expert and Myanmar engineers. He also inspected Minhla fortress built on the western bank of the river in Minhla Township, Magway Region, in 1862. The Ministry of Culture has been maintaining the brick fortresses since 1957.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint inspected Beikthanoe Archaeological

Museum, 12 miles north of Taungdwingyi, Magway Region, on 17 December.

The minister

instructed officials to spotlight high civilization of Pyu people.

He inspected

religious edifices and housing estates excavated in Beikthanoe City State and gave instructions on building

site museums.

On his inspection tour of Gwegaung fortress on the eastern side of the Ayeyawady

## Course on Training of Trainers for Civil Service No (2/2010) commences

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—ASEAN Resource Centre for Training of Trainers for Civil Service established at the Civil Service Selection and Training Board (CSSTB) conducted a course on Training of Trainers for Civil Service No. (2/2010) at the CSSTB Office here this morning.



**CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu delivers a speech at the opening of course for Training of Trainers for Civil Service No. (2/2010).**

MNA

CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu gave a speech at the opening ceremony of the course.

It was also attended by CSSTB Members U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo, U Nyi Htun and U Kyaw Aung; departmental heads; rectors of the institutes and university under the CSSTB; officials, course instructors and trainees.

A total of 30 trainees from the training centres of various ministries, organizations and the two Central Institutes of Civil Service are currently attending the course covering five modules focusing on training matters and methodologies. The duration of course is four weeks.—MNA



**Kengtung-Wenkaung railroad section of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad construction project.**  
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MNA

## Ford bringing C-Max small minivan to US market

DETROIT, 20 Dec—Ford Motor Co will introduce a seven-passenger C-Max minivan to the North American market in 2012, a vehicle that is smaller than most current minivans in an effort aimed at young families.

The C-Max minivan built on the same platform as the Focus small sedan will be unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January.

"When you look at the C-Max, it's really for young families, those

folks that are moving up from compact sedans and those kinds of things," said Mark Fields, president of Ford in North and South America.

The US and Canadian versions of the C-Max are an adaptation of the C-Max Ford has sold in Europe.

Derrick Kuzak, Ford vice president for global product development, said the new C-Max is an example of Ford's executing its "One Ford" plan worldwide.

It is built on the same platform as the Focus

small sedan, which will be the base for at least 10 different models with varying "tophats," Kuzak said.

More than 2 million Ford vehicles will be produced worldwide with this "C-segment" small-car platform by 2012, he said.

Since Chrysler introduced the minivan in the early 1980s, different versions of it have evolved. The C-Max is 178 inches long, about the same length as the minivans of three decades ago, Kuzak added.

Reuters

## Buyer for controversial Cape Wind energy

BOSTON, 20 Dec—Cape Wind has outlasted a decade of government review, a slew of court brawls and fierce opposition from mariners, fishermen, Indian tribes and Kennedys just to win the right to sell its wind-fueled electricity.

Now, all it needs are customers.

Last month, the nation's first offshore wind farm nailed down its first buyer when the Massachusetts Department of Public Utility approved a deal that sees Cape Wind selling half its power to National Grid, the state's largest electric utility.

But the other half of the Cape Wind project's electricity remains available with no obvious takers, raising the possibility of a smaller project with pricier power.



*In this 19 July, 2009 photo, blades blur on a spinning windmill on Stetson Mountain in Range 8, Township 3, Maine.—INTERNET*

The top prospect for Cape Wind is the state's second-largest electric utility, NStar. But NStar is uninterested and says it can find cheaper renewable power elsewhere.—Internet



*Britain's Prince William (R) and his fiancée Kate Middleton arrive at The Thursford Collection in Norfolk, England, 18 December, 2010.—INTERNET*

## Prince William approves wedding souvenirs for sale

LONDON, 20 Dec—Britain's royal wedding is still four months away, but the first official memorabilia went on sale Monday — a range of wedding china personally approved by the couple.

Prince William's office said the items had been commissioned by the palace department responsible for the royal family's art collection and made in Stoke-on-Trent in central England, a traditional centre for British ceramics.

The three souvenirs — a tankard, plate and pill box — each feature the couple's entwined initials, the prince's coronet emblem and the date of the wedding — 29 April, 2011.

On sale at royal palaces and a website, profits from the collectables will be donated to the charity which curates the royal family's artworks, known as the Royal Collection.

"The Royal Collection has been working on the design since around the time of the engagement — it's a very fast moving process," William's office said in a statement.

His office said that the prince and his future bride had both approved the wedding merchandise.

William and Kate Middleton made her first public appearance on Saturday since announcing their engagement, attending a cancer charity fundraising event in eastern England.—Internet

## Weather strands Christmas travellers at Heathrow

LONDON, 20 Dec—Hundreds of Christmas travellers faced a third day stranded at Heathrow airport Monday as arctic conditions sparked fresh flight delays and cancellations.

Heavy snow and thick ice all but closed Heathrow, the busiest international passenger air hub in the world, over the weekend and forced holidaymakers to set up camp at the airport on Saturday night.

But there was little respite for people trying to get



*A British Airways plane surrounded by snow at Gatwick airport, West Sussex. INTERNET*

away for the festive period at Heathrow and other airports across the country, with operators admitting that the chaos was set to stretch into Christmas week.

Britain's roads and railways were also hit by the harsh winter weather, with some roads made impassable after drivers abandoned their vehicles in heavy snow and passengers being ejected onto freezing platforms from broken-down trains.—Internet

## Oil hovers near \$88 amid light holiday trading

SINGAPORE, 20 Dec—Oil prices hovered near \$88 a barrel Monday in Asia amid light trading volume ahead of the Christmas holiday.

Benchmark oil for January delivery was down 7 cents to \$87.95 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 34 cents to settle at \$88.02 on Friday.

Many oil traders are taking the next two weeks off amid the year-end holidays. Global crude markets are closed Friday for Christmas.

Analysts are mulling whether this year's strong global oil demand can carry over into 2011. Emerging markets, led by China, have accounted for most of the growth in oil consumption this year as the US and Europe slowly recover from recession.

"The positive demand shock has continued relentlessly," Barclays Capital said in a report. Prices will likely rise "given the strength in underlying fundamentals and with macroeconomic sentiment continuing to improve."—Internet



*Visitors view light creations at the SOLANA Shopping Park in Beijing, Capital of China, on 19 Dec, 2010. More than 1,000 sets of light creations were presented at the 3rd SOLANA Lights Festival, which was launched here on 17 Dec, 2010. XINHUA*

## Australia swaps summer for Christmas snow

SYDNEY, 20 Dec—Snow fell in Australia on Monday, as the usual hot and summery December weather was replaced in parts by icy gusts sweeping up from the Southern Ocean, giving the country a taste of a white Christmas.

Snow has fallen in parts of east coast states New South Wales and Victoria, leaving ski resorts — some of which are usually snow-free at this time of year — with dumps of up to 10 centimetres (four inches).

"It's white, everything is white," Michelle Lovius, the general manager of the Kosciuszko Chalet Hotel at Charlotte Pass told AFP. "First thing this morning everything was just very still, very peaceful and every single thing was just blanketed in a thick cover of white."—Internet



## Kremlin to pitch fighters, nuclear deal in India

Moscow, 20 Dec — President Dmitry Medvedev will try to convince India to buy Russian fighter planes and seal a nuclear deal when he travels there this week for talks aimed at boosting ties with the second fastest growing economy the world.

Russia was one of India's closest partners in Soviet days, but the Kremlin will have to convince New Delhi that Moscow can

deliver on vast defense and nuclear orders in the face of competition from the United States, Europe and China.

Medvedev, who the Kremlin said will come with a large delegation of business leaders, is to hold talks with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and President Pratibha Patil on Tuesday and visit Mumbai on Wednesday.

"Russian-Indian

relations have moved to a completely new level which can be called a favored strategic partnership," a Kremlin official told reporters on condition of anonymity.

But behind the rhetoric of expanding ties with its fellow BRIC economy the term used to group emerging powers Brazil, Russia, India and China bilateral trade is dwarfed by Russia's booming economic ties with the European Union and China.

The Kremlin said trade with India will total \$10 billion this year while official statistics show Russia's trade with the European Union stood at \$246 billion in the first 10 months of 2010, and trade with China was \$47.5 billion in the same period.

Reuters



Martin Jorge, from Cuba, conducts the Youth Symphony Orchestra during an outdoor concert in San Salvador, El Salvador, on 18 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

## Bones found on island might be Amelia Earhart's

NORMAN, 20 Dec — The three bone fragments turned up on a deserted South Pacific island that lay along the course Amelia Earhart was following when she vanished. Nearby were several tantalizing artifacts: some old makeups, some glass bottles and shells that had been cut open.

Now scientists at the University of Oklahoma hope to extract DNA from the tiny bone chips in tests that could prove Earhart died as a castaway after failing in her 1937 quest to become the first woman to fly around the world.

"There's no guarantee," said Ric Gillespie, director of the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, a group of aviation enthusiasts in Delaware that found the pieces of bone

this year while on an expedition to Nikumaroro Island, about 1,800 miles south of Hawaii.

"You only have to say you have a bone that may be human and may be linked to Earhart and people get excited. But it is true that, if they can get DNA, and if they can match it to Amelia Earhart's DNA, that's pretty good."

It could be months before scientists know for sure — and it could turn out the bones are from a turtle. The fragments were found near a hollowed-out turtle shell that might have been used to collect rain water, but there were no other turtle parts nearby.—Internet



This photo provided on 17 Dec, 2010, by The International Group For Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR) shows researchers working at the dig site on the uninhabited island of Nikumaroro, in the South Pacific, where researchers say they found bone fragments that could help prove that famed aviator Amelia Earhart died as a castaway after failing in her quest to circumnavigate the globe.—INTERNET



In this 18 Dec, 2010 photo, a CRH train runs on the Shanghai-Hangzhou high-speed railway as the sun sets in Jiaxing in east China's Zhejiang province.

The Chinese passenger train hit a record speed of 302 miles per hour (486 kilometres per hour) earlier this month during a test run of a yet-to-be opened link between Beijing and Shanghai, state media said.—INTERNET

## Two main Somali militant groups to merge

NAIROBI, 20 Dec — Somalia's two main militant groups plan to merge to defeat the weak UN-backed government, a senior official with one of the forces said Sunday.

The Party will join forces with the al-Qaeda linked al-Shabab militia and fight under al-Shabab's name, the Party's head of operations, Sheik Mohamed Osman Arus said.

Fighters from the Islamic Party have been defeated several times by al-Shabab, including a battle to control the port city of Kismayo. But Arus denied the merger was a face-saving tactic for his weakened group, saying the planned union is "a bonus for the Mujahideen and a bane to the invaders and mercenaries."

He said the merger would officially be announced soon, but did not give a specific date. Al-Shabab spokesmen were not available for comment. The two groups have fought together against government forces in the past despite ideological differences and the recent clashes.

The Party has previously condemned al-Shabab's use of tactics, including suicide bombers and summary executions. Its founder, Sheik Hassan Dahir Aweys, criticized al-Shabab's public pledging of allegiance to Osama bin Laden. The Party has around 2,500-3,000 fighters and was widely seen as having a more nationalist agenda than al-Shabab, which has been heavily influenced by Wahhabi ideology.

Arus said his group's aim to unite with al-Shabab was to influence the hard line elements in it from within, "because any fighting between us will only give more power to the enemy."—Internet

## Worst floods in 50 years hit Western Australia's town

SYDNEY, 20 Dec — Food and water are on the way to people trapped by the worst floods in 50 years around the Western Australian town of Carnarvon, said authorities of Western Australia on Monday.

Carnarvon, about 900km north of Perth and at the mouth of the Gascoyne River, is hit by its worst flood since 1960.

Residents were warned on Saturday to evacuate as torrential rain pounded the region overnight. An evacuation point was set up at the Carnarvon Civic Centre, where at least 80 people stayed overnight.

A Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) spokesman said the river was expected to peak early on Monday.

The river level had risen to 7.7 meters at Nine Mile Bridge by 9 pm (local time) on Sunday and was expected to rise slowly ahead of the peak of 7.8 to 7.9 meters.

Two consignments of food and water were expected to leave Geraldton, the capital of Western Australia's Mid West, early on Monday, while emergency workers in Carnarvon would audit food and water needs for people isolated in the town and in outlying areas.

Xinhua

## Guatemalan military seizes drug-plagued province

COBAN, 20 Dec — The Guatemalan military declared a state of siege Sunday in a northern province that authorities say has been overtaken by Mexican drug traffickers.

The government initiated the monthlong measure in the Alta Verapaz Province to reclaim cities that have been taken over by the Zetas drug gang. Ronaldo Robles, a spokesman for Guatemalan President Alvaro Colom, told radio station Emisoras Unidas. "It is to bring peace to the people and recover their confidence in the government," he said.

A state of siege allows the army to detain suspects without warrants, conduct warrantless searches, prohibit gun possession and public gatherings, and control the local news media. Guatemalan law allows the measure amid acts of terrorism, sedition or "rebellion," or when events "put the constitutional order or security of the state in danger."—Internet

Honda Motor Co President and Chief Executive Takanobu Ito (C) asks Saitama Prefecture's governor Kiyoshi Ueda (behind the car) to ride in Honda's electronic vehicle during a photo session.

INTERNET



**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (413)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (413) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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### Terminal evacuated after suspicious package found at Texas airport

HOUSTON, 20 Dec — Portions of a terminal at an airport in the US state of Texas were evacuated on Friday after a suspicious package was found, an airport spokesman said. Operations have returned to normal after officials used robots to move the package to a remote location for investigation, said David Magana, spokesman for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The initial report that led to the evacuation was for a suspicious vibrating noise coming from an overnight drop box at Terminal D at the airport. Security officials evacuated an area of about five gates near the centre of Terminal D as the investigation continued.

Internet

### Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) Invitation for Application to Foreign Language Courses

The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) will open evening courses on Chinese, English, French, French (Translation and Interpretation), German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Thai.

Commencement date of course : 3-1-2011

Commencement date for submission of applications : 28-12-2010

Closing date for applications : 31-12-2010

(For English language the day on which the targeted number of applicants is reached)

Application to be submitted to: Yangon University of Foreign Languages

Days on which classes held : Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Time : 5:20 - 7:00 p.m.

Documents required : Certificate of Matriculation (or) Marks Certificate (or) Degree Certificate (Both Original and copy are required)

Enquiry : Student's Affairs Section, YUFL

{Phone : 514371 (Ext-202)}

### 5.1-magnitude quake hits Ethiopia: USGS

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec — An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted Ethiopia at about 1214 GMT on Sunday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said. The epicenter, with a depth of 9.80 km, was initially determined to be at 7.5746 degrees north latitude and 37.7925 degrees east longitude.

There was no immediate report of damage or casualties.—Xinhua

### Snow grounds 800 flights across Europe

BERLIN, 20 Dec — Heavy overnight snowfall disrupted air travel across western Europe on Friday, forcing more than 800 flight cancellations and leading to major delays in Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Germany appeared the hardest hit by the snow, with more than



600 flights canceled, schools forced to close and highways clogged with traffic after scores of accidents that killed at least three people and injured dozens.

Snow also hindered flights in the neighbouring Netherlands, where Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport saw more than 100 cancellations and major delays ahead of the busy Christmas holiday season, spokeswoman Mirjam Snoerwang said.

Internet

*A bicycle covered with new snow is pictured in Gelsenkirchen, western Germany, on 17 Dec, 2010.*

INTERNET

### MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and Chelan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> December 2010 (Christmas Day) Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

*Two chocolate manufacturers have failed in their bid to trademark their goods.*  
INTERNET



### Chocolate rabbits free to roam EU

LONDON, 20 Dec — Chocolate rabbits, mice and reindeer remain free to roam the European Union, unshackled by restrictive trademarks some chocolate producers tried to impose on them.

Swiss manufacturer Lindt & Spruengli AG and Germany's August Storck AG wanted to register chocolate figures — including a rabbit, a mouse and a bell with a red ribbon — to make sure only their versions could appear in Europe's chocolate shops and supermarkets.

But the General Court of the European Union ruled that the dainty sweets "are devoid of any distinctive character" that would make them worthy of trademark protection. It is the EU's top court.

Internet

### First-class travel for orang-utan

LONDON, 20 Dec — An abandoned baby orang-utan had a luxury journey to its new adoptive home — as a first-class passenger on a cruise ferry. Silvestre, an 11-month-old Sumatran orang-utan (Pongo abelii), was abandoned by its mother at the Santillana Zoo in Spain. The Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset stepped in and offered it a new home.

But to bring Silvestre to the UK, special permission had to be obtained from the British authorities

### Versailles to lease nearby building as a hotel

PARIS, 20 Dec — Administrators of France's Versailles Palace said on Friday that they have agreed to lease an adjacent building to King Louis XIV's 17<sup>th</sup>-century chateau for use as a hotel.

The Hotel du Grand Controle, which was the home for financial advisers to French kings for decades, will be getting a euro5.5-million (\$7.3-million), year-long facelift by Belgian company Ivy International as part of a deal concluded in recent weeks.

The 23-room hotel, with views of the palace's Orangerie garden, will open in late 2011. The building previously belonged to the Defence Ministry — which used it as an officers' mess hall — and it later fell into disrepair. Versailles managers are granting a 30-year operating lease to Ivy.

Internet



*Silvestre, an 11-month-old Sumatran orang-utan, traveling by ferry from Spain to his new home.—INTERNET*





A craftsman trims a snowman made from iron wires in Linyi of east China's Shandong Province, 18 Dec, 2010. A craftwork manufacturer in Linyi designs and makes eco-friendly Christmas decorations with grass, wicker, iron wires, etc, and the Christmas products of the manufacturer are welcomed in European and American countries.

## Woman, 89, gets associate's degree

A Florida woman is preparing to receive her degree from Palm Beach State College with a 3.96 grade-point average — at the age of 89, school officials said.

Catherine Photos is set to don her cap and gown Monday to be handed the Associate in Arts degree she's started working on in 2001, six years after her husband of almost 50 years died, *The Palm Beach (Fla) Post* reported.

"I felt why am I sitting home doing nothing," she said. "You just don't know how content I am that I went to college."

"She's tough," her daughter Ilene, in town from Washington for the ceremony, said. "When my mother puts her mind to something, she does it." Photos said she never gave up on the dream of a college degree, but marriage in 1946, running a private swim club in Pennsylvania, operating a bar and grill in Detroit, owning four McDonald's restaurants in Maine and raising three children all kept her too busy, the newspaper said.

## Men rescue trapped deer, get fined

Two Maryland men who rescued a deer trapped in a frozen river say they were each fined \$90 for not having life vests in the boat used to get to the animal.

Sgt Brian Albert of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police said about 5 pm Thursday a 911 caller reported a deer stuck in the ice of the Patapsco River, *The Baltimore Sun* reported.

A Department of Natural Resources Police officer and a crew from the Baltimore Country fire department were dispatched on scene and started talking the situation over, Albert said.

## Liquor a factor in Swedish lick break-in

A Swedish burglary suspect swears he has no idea how he wound up in the home of a couple, licking the arm of a sleeping woman.

The 22-year-old man, whose name was not released, told police in eastern Sweden he had had a little too much to drink and didn't remember anything about his alleged break-in.

In fact, *The Local* said Sunday, the suspect had demanded to know

who the two strangers were and why they were in his house.

*The Local* said the incident, which took place a couple of months ago, began when the woman woke up and found herself sandwiched between her boyfriend and another man who was licking her arm. She nudged her boyfriend and asked him if he knew who other fellow was.

## News Album

## Philippines in uproar over error-filled peso bills

Geographically-challenged Philippine maps and a rare parrot with the wrong-coloured beak have perturbed the country after the central bank rolled out error-filled new editions of its peso bills.

The new-generation banknotes, rolled out earlier this month and containing the signature of President Benigno Aquino who took office this year, bombed spectacularly in the graphics department, critics say.



An uncut sheet of Philippine 500 pesos bank notes. INTERNET

The reverse side of the new 500-peso (11 dollar) bill features a rare native bird, the blue-naped parrot, with its red beak incorrectly rendered in yellow and the tail feathers underneath coloured green instead of yellow.

A map on the bill — which also carries portraits of Aquino's late parents — mislocates Saint Paul's, a subterranean river that is designated as a UNESCO world heritage site.

"Yes, they have made a very big booboo on the parrot," said Jon Villasper, a cartographer who is also a member of the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines.

"Aside from that, they misplaced Tubataha reef by around 400 kilometres and Batanes is not on the map. I believe they also misplaced Saint Paul's subterranean river," he said.

## Josh and Zac Farro quit Paramore

LOS ANGELES, 20 Dec—Josh and Zac Farro, two of the founding members of Paramore, have left the US rock band to work on other projects, the group announced on its Web site.

"A couple of months ago, Josh and Zac let us know they would be leaving the band after our show in Orlando last Sunday," Paramore said in a 18 Dec posting on its Web site. "None of us were really shocked. For the last year it hasn't



Zac Farro and Hayley Williams of the band Paramore, winners of mtvU's 2008 Woodie of the Year.—INTERNET

seemed as if they wanted to be around anymore. We want Josh and Zac to do something that makes them happy and if that isn't here with us, then we support them finding happiness elsewhere."

The remaining members of the band — Hayley Williams, Taylor York and Jeremy Davis — went on to say they still plan to perform together, despite the departures of their fellow musicians.

Internet

## 'Stray Bullet' scores first prize in Dubai

DUBAI, 20 Dec— "Stray Bullet" by Lebanese director Georges Hachem won first prize at the Dubai International Film Festival on Sunday, this year a showcase for new Arab talent.

The film, set shortly after the start of Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war, tells the story of a young woman who is torn between a fiancé picked by her family and a former lover who suddenly reappears in her

life.

The film stars Nadine Labaki, director of the highly acclaimed 2007 production, "Caramel."

Hachem received the gold Muhr award from French actress Isabelle Huppert, who was in Dubai to present her own film, "Copacabana."

Twelve films competed in the best Arab film category, including entries from Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Morocco.



Egyptian actor Ezzat Abu-Ouf claps as Bushra goes to receive the Best Actress award for the film "six-seven-eight" in the Muhr Arab Feature category during the closing night and awards ceremony of the 7th Dubai International Film Festival on 19 December, 2010. INTERNET

Jordanian director Mohammed al-Hushki's film, "Transit Cities," won the Special Jury Prize.

The film tells the story of a woman who returns to Jordan after a divorce in the United States and tries to pick up her former life, but finds it impossible to reintegrate into a changed society.

Internet

## Nick Park plans Wallace and Gromit theme park ride

LONDON, 20 Dec—Filmmaker Nick Park says he is in talks on the possible development of a theme park ride based around his cheese-loving Wallace and Gromit characters.

The Preston-born animator told Kirsty Young about the plan on Saturday's edition of the Radio 4 programme Desert Island Discs. "We are in the middle of discussions with Blackpool Pleasure Beach about a Wallace and Gromit ride," Park said. "It's not a hair-raising terrifying ride, it's a family friendly ride." Park, who has won four Oscars for his animated films, said some of his early inspiration came from his youthful reading of the Beano.—Internet



Park is in talks to develop a Wallace and Gromit theme park ride at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. INTERNET

## Ferguson overtakes Busby's United milestone

MANCHESTER, 20 Dec — Alex Ferguson on Sunday became Manchester United's longest-serving manager as he passed Matt Busby's previous record span at the helm.

Alex had hoped to celebrate the mark by landing



**Manchester United's Scottish manager Alex Ferguson looks on before their quarter final League Cup football match against West Ham at Upton Park, London, November 2010.**—INTERNET

a knockout blow to Chelsea's bid to retain the Premier League title - but the match between the Premier League titans fell victim to the heavy snow sweeping much of the country.

Instead, he was able to take time to reflect on his achievement as top names in the game saluted the 68-year-old who has now been in charge for an astonishing 24 years, one month and 15 days (8,811 days) in one unbroken spell stretching back to November 1986.

His tenure overtook Busby's total during two stints, from October 1945 to January 1969 and from December 1970 to June 1971.—Internet

## Gomez gifted hat-trick as Bayern smash Stuttgart

BERLIN, 20 Dec — Bayern Munich striker Mario Gomez claimed a hat-trick as an early Christmas present in an eight-goal thriller on Sunday as the German champions routed struggling Stuttgart 5-3 at home.

This was the Germany star's second Bundesliga hat-trick of the season as he capitalised on a poor Stuttgart defence to leave him with 12 league goals and 19 in all competitions for Bayern.

All five of Bayern's goals — especially Gomez's three — came from mistakes in the Stuttgart defence as coach Bruno Labbadia had a baptism of fire in his first league game in charge since taking over from Jens Keller last weekend.



**Bayern Munich's striker Mario Gomez (L) celebrates scoring with his teammate midfielder Diego Contento during the German first division Bundesliga football match VfB Stuttgart vs FC Bayern Munich in the southern German City of Stuttgart.**

INTERNET

Labbadia inherits a side second from bottom and low on moral, but he acknowledged he has a relegation battle on his hands.—Internet



**Jean Pascal, left, of Montreal, hugs Bernard Hopkins, of the USA, at end of their WBC light heavy weight.**

INTERNET

## Hopkins, Pascal fight to draw

QUEBEC CITY 20 Dec — Bernard Hopkins missed a chance to become the oldest boxer to hold a major world title, fighting to a majority draw with Canadian Jean Pascal on Saturday night.

The 45-year-old Hopkins (51-5-2) rallied after being knocked down in the first and third rounds.

American judge Steve Morrow scored it 114-112 for Hopkins, but Canadian Claude Paquette (113-113) and Belgium's Daniel Van de Wiele (114-114) had it even, which made it a majority draw and allowed Pascal (26-1-1) to keep his WBC and IBO light heavy-weight titles.

Hopkins will be 46 on 15 Jan. George Foreman was 45 years, 10 months when he knocked out heavyweight champion Michael Moorer in 1994. Hopkins said he wants a rematch, but not in Canada.

Internet

## Results of respective leagues

### Italy - Serie A

Lazio	3 - 2	Udinese
Bari	1 - 1	Palermo
Catania	1 - 0	Brescia
Chievo	1 - 1	Juventus
Napoli	1 - 0	Lecce
Parma	0 - 0	Bologna

### Spain - Primera Division

Almeria	2 - 3	Getafe
Osasuna	0 - 0	Zaragoza
Malaga	0 - 3	Atletico Madrid
Real Madrid	1 - 0	Sevilla

### Germany - Bundesliga I.

Bayer Leverkusen	2 - 2	Freiburg
Stuttgart	3 - 5	Bayern Munich

## S P O R T S

## War memories still raw for Kolarov

MANCHESTER, 20 Dec—Manchester City can go top of the Premier League table if they beat Everton at Eastlands on Monday but for Aleksandar Kolarov football success will always be put in perspective.

Kolarov's journey to the top tier of English football started in war-torn Serbia, where he

grew up as a boy.

"Players from Serbia are very hungry to work," he told Manc, the official Manchester City magazine. "We all want to do something because every one of us has some story in their life."

Those memories from 1999, where as a 14-year-old he trained with boyhood heroes Red Star Belgrade during a three-month NATO raid on "strategic targets" that also led to civilian casualties, remain vivid.

"I don't have nightmares but I remember everything," he said.

"You just want to play football but you can't because there are bombs in the city."

"The first couple of days you have fear for something. Then every day is the same."

Internet



**Manchester City can go top of the Premier League table if they beat Everton at Eastlands on Monday but for Aleksandar Kolarov, pictured on 4 December, football success will always be put in perspective.**

INTERNET

## Lazio and Juve lead Milan chase as Napoli stutter

ROME, 20 Dec — Lazio and Napoli closed the gap on leaders AC Milan to just three points with victories on Sunday but Juventus failed to keep pace as they were held to a 1-1 draw at Chievo.

Lazio edged out Udinese 3-2 in a thrilling match decided by Christian Zapata's own goal two minutes from time.

Napoli looked to be heading for a frustrating stalemate until Edinson Cavani struck deep into injury time to thrash a stunning winner from 25 yards into the top corner.

Juventus, on the other hand, were the victims of a late equaliser as Sergio Pellissier popped up at the back post to stroke home



**Lazio's Argentinian midfielder Cristian Ledesma (left) vies with Udinese's Ghanaian midfielder Asamoah Kwadwo during their Serie A match in Rome's Olympic Stadium.**—INTERNET

in time added on.

Those results left Napoli second ahead of Lazio on goal difference with Juve two points further back. Milan had lost 1-0 at home to Roma on Saturday night to give their chasers a boost.

Internet

## Valbuena denies Lyon league lead

PARIS, 20 Dec — A second-half equaliser by French international Mathieu Valbuena saw champions Marseille draw 1-1 with Lyon and deny

the visitors top spot in the league table on Sunday.

Valbuena's third league goal of the season got Marseille back on level terms after Argentinian Lisandro had given Lyon the lead in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute for his eighth of the season which saw the game end with a heated argument between Marseille's veteran Argentinian fullback Gabriel Heinze and Lyon's Jimmy Briand.

The result sees Lyon in fourth place a point behind leaders Lille, who have a game in hand, while Marseille are another two points adrift.

Marseille coach Didier Deschamps said he had hoped for better but was still pleased by parts of the performance.

"The fact that we came back from a goal down is a good thing," said the World Cup and Euro winning captain, who has also had spells coaching at Monaco and Juventus.

"It's a pity that we couldn't get a winner at the end."

His Lyon counterpart Claude Puel also had regrets, mainly that they had allowed Marseille to get into the match in the second-half but overall he left a happy man.

Internet



**Olympique Marseille's midfielder Mathieu Valbuena celebrates after scoring a goal during their French L1 football match Olympique of Marseille versus Lyon at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France.**—INTERNET

## Pirlo out for a month

ROME, 20 Dec — AC Milan midfielder Andrea Pirlo will be out for a month, his club said Sunday, after suffering a thigh

strain in Saturday's 1-0 home defeat to Roma.

Pirlo limped off during the first half of the match to be replaced by Clarence Seedorf.

However, he will join the team for their winter training camp in Dubai as Serie A shuts down for two and a half weeks.

"Pirlo will be with the team as normal in Dubai for the start of the winter preparation as the warmer weather will help him," said a club statement.

Internet

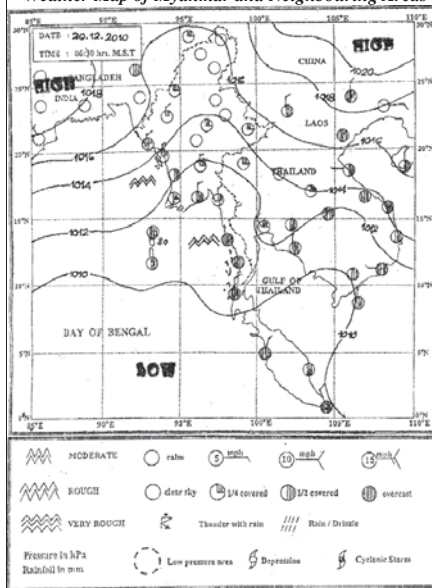


**AC Milan's midfielder Andrea Pirlo reacts after being tackled during the Italian Serie A match against AS Roma at the San Siro stadium in Milan.**

INTERNET



## Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Yangon Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Northern Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy fall in Yangon Region. Night temperatures were (3°C) below December average temperatures in Northern Shan State, (6°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State and Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Southern Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2°C), Machanbaw (4°C) and Pinlaung (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Coco gyun (3.15) inches.

## Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 19-12-2010 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 20-12-2010 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-12-2010 was (82%). Rainfall on 20-12-2010 was (Nil).

## Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 19-12-2010 was 92°F.

Minimum temperature on 20-12-2010 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-12-2010 was (69%). Total sunshine hours on 19-12-2010 was (8.3) hours.

Rainfall on 20-12-2010 was at (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (83.19) inches at Mingaladon, (97.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 19-12-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is generally fair in Noth Bay and West Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010:** Light rain or thundershowers are possible to be isolated in Kayin State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-12-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-12-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-12-2010:** Partly cloudy.

## Random breath test yields 43 pounds of ecstasy

SYDNEY, 20 Dec — Police discovered 43 pounds (19.5 kilograms) of the illegal drug ecstasy during a search of a van after it was stopped to give the driver a random breath test.

New South Wales police said Monday that officers found seven boxes of chemical glassware used to make drugs when the van was stopped last Wednesday outside the town of Quirindi.

Two Sydney men, both 27, were charged with possessing drug manufacturing apparatus and were granted bail after appearing in court that day.

A forensic search of the van later found the hidden ecstasy tablets. The two men were tracked down again and arrested on charges manufacturing and supplying a prohibited drug.

Police say the ecstasy had a street value of about 20 million Australian dollars (\$19.7 million).—Internet



*A Christmas cake is seen at a shopping mall in Huaibei, east China's Anhui Province, on 18 Dec, 2010. Chinese children were invited to a cake-making contest held in the shopping mall on 18 Dec, 2010, to "build Christmas cottages" with biscuits and cream as Christmas approaches.*

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL  
Programme Schedule  
(21-12-2010)(Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (21-12-10 09:30 am ~ 22-12-10 09:30 am) MST

## Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Your Home in Pyin Oo Lwin
- \* News
- \* Perfect Bridal Fashion Fair
- \* News
- \* Secret Places for Yummy Food "Tin Tin Aye Monhinkhar"
- \* Record Album
- \* News
- \* Yadanarpon Fiber Optical Factory

## Oversea Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Your Home in Pyin Oo Lwin
- \* News
- \* Perfect Bridal Fashion Fair
- \* News
- \* Secret Places for Yummy Food "Tin Tin Aye Monhinkhar"
- \* Record Album
- \* News
- \* Yadanarpon Fiber Optical Factory
- \* News
- \* Ayeyawady (The Historical Lifeline of Myanmar)
- \* A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
- \* News
- \* Feel Pretty...in a Rawan Outfit
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* The Ancient City of Myanmar (Bagan)
- \* Myanmar Traditional Kick Boxing Challenge
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Handicrafted Instruments made in Leather
- \* Myanmar Movie "Mommy's Girls"

Myanmar

TV

Tuesday,  
21 December  
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:05 am

7. Song Of National Races

8:15 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:20 am

9. Songs Of Yester Years

8:30 am

10. Teleplay (Traffic)

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

4:30 pm

4. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

4:40 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Zoology)

4:55 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. One village and one Product

5:10 pm

8. Sweet Melody

5:25 pm

9. Star Garden

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Kyae Pwin Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:35 pm

13. Sing A Song

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Just for Laughs

19. TV Drama Series

20. Movie Quiz

21. Mytta Pawana

By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi

- ★ 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

## Kengtung-Wenkaung railroad section of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — The opening ceremony of Kengtung-Wenkaung railroad section of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project being implemented by Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation took place in Kengtung Railway

Station in Kengtung of Shan State (East) yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of (See page 8)



Train making its debut on Kengtung-Wenkaung railroad section of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project.—MNA

### Defence Services C-in-C's Shield Football Tournament-2010 goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — The second round matches of the 49<sup>th</sup> Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament -2010 continued today.

The match between Tatmadaw (Navy) team and Tatmadaw (Air) ended 1- 0 at Paunglaung Sports Ground. Yangon Command team beat North-East Command team 1-0 at No (1) Sports Ground and Southern Command team had a goalless draw against Camp Commandant of Ministry of Defence at Paunglaung Sports Ground.—MNA

### Wegyi village in Lewe Township gets new library building

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — The opening of the building for Pyinnya Shwedaung self-reliant library was held at Wegyi village in Lewe Township yesterday.

After officials had formally opened the library, wellwishers donated books and cash to the library.

The one-storey RC library was built with the contribution of K 2.3 million by the State, district development fund and local people.—MNA