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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

## Harmonious cooperation, essential for Myanmar arts to become popular worldwide

### Information Minister attends presenting of cash donations for 2nd ceremony to pay respects to old musicians

YANGON, 21 Dec—The presenting of cash donations to organize the second ceremony to pay respects to octogenarian musicians to be held by the Myanmar Music Association (Central) took place at Studio (A) of Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road, here, on 19 December, with an address by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

In his speech, the minister said that paying respects to older musicians is, indeed, preserving a fine tradition of Myanmar. In some way, that helps contribute to the music world, and improve the

music world and the music community. Music professionals not only serve national interests hand in hand with the government, but that of the music world and their own, he noted.

He called on the association to expedite tasks through a variety of ways in line with the four objectives and eight work programmes it has laid down for its development of and that of the music world, and welfare of music professionals. He underlined the importance of harmonious cooperation among related individuals and associations for Myanmar arts including

Myanmar music to become popular worldwide as well as the need of preserving and promoting tradition and national culture.

He promised that the ministry will keep rendering all-round assistance for better conditions for artists and improvement of the art world.

The minister presented K 500,000 donated by the ministry, and K 100,000 by him and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win and family to Chairman of the Myanmar Music Association U Maung Maung Latt.

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Minister  
for Information  
U Kyaw  
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### Hmawby (2) model monsoon paddy harvested in Katha

KATHA, 21 Dec—Reaping of Hmawby (2) monsoon paddy was carried out at the farm of farmer U Ran Palarsud in Pyithaya village-tract, Katha Township on 1 December. It was supervised by the chairman of Katha Township Peace and Development Council, the Township police captain, the staff officers of township Land Records Department and Planning Department, the manager of township Agriculture Mechanization Department, staff from Land Records Department and Agriculture services. The yield of Hmawby (2) monsoon paddy is 80.26 baskets per acre.

Township IPRD



Minister U Thein Swe inspects dredging along course of Yangon River

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Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint inspects Thabyaytan fortress.

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The site of a bomb attack in the outskirts of Baghdad recently, killing two civilians and wounded 17 others.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Easy access to highlands by train

The driving force behind programmes for regional development is smooth transport. To amplify it, smooth transport between one region and another makes substantial contribution towards commercial growth, friendly relations among national races and national unity.

As a result of building more and more roads and railroads to form transport networks throughout the nation, people can travel directly by car with convenience between Putao in the northern part and Kawthoung in the southern part, and between Muse, Lashio and Kengtung in the eastern part and Sittway in the western part of the nation in any season.

With new roads, bridges and railroads, the nation can cope with all forms of natural barriers between regions. Local people are in a position to enjoy smooth transport between the eastern and western parts of Bago Region, a mountainous region with a large number of ravines and gorges.

Every region can transport their products to markets in a short time, which is a fundamental factor for trade development. The Myanmar Railways is building new railroads, some of them go as far as the areas on the western bank of the Ayeyawady River, and some pass through Yoma mountain ranges.

Kengtung-Wenkaung section of Mongnai-Kengtung Railroad Project being undertaken by the Myanmar Railways was put into service the other day. In cooperation with Public Works, township electric power enterprises and local regiments, the Myanmar Railways has transported locomotives and coaches to Shan Yoma mountain ranges standing at an altitude of more than 2600 feet.

When over 200 miles long Mongnai-Kengtung Railroad Project is completed, Shan State (East) will be able to transport its local products to other regions speedily. Thanks to a growing number of railroads, many regions across the country is on the point of greater development and better transport.

### New 'Axe' ointment to be on display at Yangon Expo 2010

YANGON, 21 Dec— New Axe brand ointment, distributed by the sole agent Golden Palace Enterprise Ltd, will be displayed and on sale at Yangon Expo 2010 to be held with the sponsorship of Smart Business Group at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall from 23 to 26 December.

The new Axe



brand ointment is a kind of embrocation scientifically made from tradi-

tional herbal plants such as capsicum oleoresin and osteoarthritis.

Axe carminative ointment and Axe inhalers are also being distributed on a wholesale and retail basis. For detailed information, contact Golden Palace Enterprise Ltd, No.32,

Latha Street, Latha Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-377914, 09-9923004) and Mandalay (Ph: 09-9050657, 095104551). These medicines are also available at pharmacies, stores and traditional medicine shops in various towns.—MNA

## People's Voice

- \* 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

### Minister U Thein Swe inspects dredging along course of Yangon River



Minister for Transport U Thein Swe inspects dredging along course of Yangon River.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, accompanied by the managing director and officials of Myanmar Port Authority, inspected local and foreign ships at Pansodan, Bo Aung Kyaw and Botahtaung jetties by Thameehla vessel starting from Nanthida jetty here yesterday morning.

On board Yadana Theinga dredger, Managing

Director U Thein Htay and officials reported the minister on the dredging along the course of Yangon River.

The minister viewed dredging and gave necessary instructions. He heard reports submitted by the managing director and general manager on the vessel and left necessary instructions.—MNA

### Prize presentation ceremony of colour photo contest to mark 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Independence Day held

YANGON, 21 Dec —A ceremony to present prizes to winners of "Peaceful Myanmar" colour photo contest to mark the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day 2011, organized by Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information, was held at Traders Hotel here yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television, IPRD Director-General U Ye Htut, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and officials, chairman of Myanmar Photographic Society and members, winners and guests.

First, the IPRD director-general made an address and MPS Chairman U Tin Myint gave



Director-General U Ye Htut of IPRD presents award to a winner at colour photo contest in commemoration of 63rd Anniversary Independence Day.—MNA

accounts of selecting the winners.

Next, the IPRD director-general presented prizes to those who stood first, second and third in the competition.

Then the MRTV director-general and MMPE managing director awarded consolation prize winners.—MNA





Security personnel and rescue workers gather at the site of a bomb attack in the outskirts of Baghdad recently. A parked car bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol killed two civilians and wounded 17 others when it went off in the town of Taji, 20 km (12 miles) north of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

INTERNET

## Gun battle leaves four militants dead in N Afghanistan

TALIQAN, 21 Dec—Clash between police and Taliban fighters left four militants dead in northern Takhar Province on Monday, a local official said Tuesday.

“A group of armed Taliban militants were

attempting to disrupt a meeting of local authorities in Khajaghar District yesterday afternoon but police returned fire killing four rebels,” District governor Mohammad Omar told *Xinhua*.

Four more militants

sustained injuries in the action, he further said.

There were no casualties on police, he stressed.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.

Xinhua



Afghan soldiers stand near the remains of a bus after being attacked by Taliban fighters during a gunbattle on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 19 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET

## Two French hostages held in Afghanistan still alive

PARIS, 21 Dec—Two French journalists abducted in Afghanistan near a year ago are still alive and appear healthy, as a new video footage containing their message to family members shows, local television channel *France 3* said on Monday night.

According to *France 3*, the authenticity of the video clip, which was sent to French authority in November, has been confirmed.

The two journalists — Herve Ghesquiere and Stephane Taponier — were working for *France 3* in the north of Kabul when local militants took them away along with three Afghan employees on 29 December, 2009.

Speaking in a TV show on Sunday, French Foreign Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said that the two are “alive, rather healthy.” “The foreign minister expressed hope for the hostages’ early release with the help of the Afghan government. “We will find them as soon as possible,” she said.

Xinhua



Mourners grieve during the funeral for a relative killed in roadside bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 15 Dec, 2010. Roadside bombs struck crowds of Iraqi pilgrims as they prepared to mark the year’s most solemn Shiite religious ceremony, killing and wounding scores of people, police said.

INTERNET

## UK police arrest 12 men in anti-terrorism raids

LONDON, 21 Dec—Twelve men were arrested across Britain on Monday in counter-terrorism raids described by a senior police officer as essential to protect the public from the threat of an attack.

John Yates, Britain’s most senior counter-terrorism officer, said the men were held on suspicion of the “commission, preparation, or instigation of an act of terrorism in the UK”. He described the

operation to arrest the men as significant, but refused to give details of the allegations against them.

The *BBC* said in an unsourced report that the arrests were linked to an investigation into al-Qaeda-inspired attacks within Britain. The inquiry was led by the MI5 domestic security agency and the suspected plot was in its early stages, it said. Police would not comment on the report.

Yates said it was right

to launch the raids, particularly because Britain is on the second highest state of alert for an attack. The threat level stands at “severe”, meaning an attack is highly likely.

“With the current threat level at severe and with the information we had, I believe that today’s arrests were absolutely necessary in order to keep the public safe,” Yates said.

MNA/Reuters

Luggage lies outside the Kampala bound bus after the bomb blast in Nairobi, Kenya, on 20 Dec, 2010.

Kenya’s police commissioner, Mathew K. Iteere said one person had died and others were wounded after a bomb exploded at a Nairobi bus station. The explosion comes as troop contributing nations to the African Union force in Somalia were put on high alert for possible attacks. —INTERNET



## Newark Airport terminal reopened after bomb scare

NEWARK, 21 Dec—Security forces began allowing passengers back into Newark Airport’s Terminal A after the terminal was shut for more than half an hour early on Monday because of a suspicious package, a

*Reuters* witness said.

Officials determined the suspicious package contained a computer monitor, 1010 WINS radio reported.

The shutdown at Newark’s Liberty International Airport, a

one of three major airports serving the New York City metropolitan area, came during the busy holiday travel season when authorities are on high alert for any security threats.

MNA/Reuters

## Premature explosion kills two Afghan militants

PUL-E-ALAM, 21 Dec—Two militants were killed as their explosive device went off prematurely in Logar Province 60 km south of Capital Kabul on Monday, an official said Tuesday.

“Two Taliban militants were killed yesterday in Baraki Barak District when a mine they wanted to plant on a road exploded accidentally,” District governor Mohammad Rahim Amin told

Xinhua.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have been largely relying on roadside bombing and suicide attacks.

Twin suicide attacks carried out by Taliban militants left 16 dead including 12 Afghan army personnel and injured 23 others in the capital city of Kabul and northern Kunduz Province on Sunday.

Xinhua



## Science



### Tree disease linked to rise in Lyme ticks

The question is which animal populations grow and which shrink in response to the breaks in the canopy, she said.

UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara and the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in New York have embarked on a multiyear study of animal populations in forests infected with Sudden Oak Death.

Researchers monitored ticks and four of their animal hosts: deer mice, wood rats, lizards and deer.

The researchers found fewer wood rats but more deer mice and western fence lizards in regions affected by Sudden Oak Death.

In 2009 7.6 cases of Lyme disease were reported for every 100,000 people in California's Mendocino County and 6.5 per 100,000 people in Del Norte County, a rate 20 times greater than the state average.

Internet



*Evidence of Sudden Oak Death, as seen on a hillside in Big Sur, California.—INTERNET*

SANTA CRUZ, 21 Dec—Scientists say a tree disease killing large swathes of California's coastal forests may be linked to an increase of human cases of tick-borne Lyme disease.

Changes in the forest cover affect many species of animals, a number of which serve as hosts for the ticks that can bite humans and transmit the disease, which causes painful joint swelling, fatigue and even neurological damage, *the Santa Cruz (Calif) Sentinel* reported Monday.

Forests have become infected with Sudden Oak Death disease and the "newly created forest gaps result in hotter, drier patches in the forests, which have different implications for different species," said Andrea Swei, postdoctoral researcher at the University of California, Berkeley.



*The dinosaur tracks, courtesy of Wikimedia user Footwarrior.—INTERNET*

### Dinosaur tracks at centre of dispute

MORRISON, 21 Dec—Scientists and civic authorities are at odds over plans to preserve ancient dinosaur tracks in Colorado with a proposed covering structure, observers say.

The Friends of Dinosaur Ridge, the group that manages the site at the Dinosaur Ridge outdoor museum in Morrison, says the tracks are in danger of eroding away in 10 to 15 years and wants to erect a canopy of high-tech fabric to protect them, *The Denver Post* reported Monday.

When the proposal was submitted to Jefferson County commissioners, however, it was turned down as violating the Front Range Mountain Backdrop policy, which protects the view of the Front Range of the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

"The commissioners are emphatic that they do not want any structures on the mountain backdrop," Jefferson County spokeswoman Kathryn Heider said.

The country owns the property the museum is located on.

Friends of Dinosaur Ridge had raised \$60,000 for design studies for the \$2.4 million canopy, Friends President Sam Bartlett said.

"We had a contractor and estimates and were ready to start fundraising, and all of a sudden the country administrator said we were not allowed to build a structure over the tracks," Bartlett said. "There was no other discussion."

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## Technology



### China develops first spherical robot with telescopic arms



*Photo taken on 7 Dec shows a robot waiter is delivering drinks for customers. XINHUA*

BEIJING, 21 Dec—China has successfully developed its first spherical robot with telescopic arms, the Ministry of Science and Technology (MST) said Monday.

The omni-directional movable robot with retractable hands can perform tasks, a statement on the ministry's website said.

It has improved mobility and environment adaptability, the statement added.

Researchers from Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications

led the government-funded research and experts have certified the achievement. They have obtained four patents for the invention in China and one in the United

States.

Spherical robots have been developed since the 1990s. They have a spherical casing and move by rolling.

Changes in the spherical case's centre of gravity and friction between the robot's external surface and the ground provide the robot's motive force.

Xinhua

### Venezuela passes media, Internet-muzzling law

CARACAS, 21 Dec—The Venezuelan parliament passed a law banning for the first time Internet content that promotes social unrest, challenges authority or condones crime, fueling outrage by the opposition.

The law was pushed through the unicameral National Assembly in less than a week by President Hugo Chavez's ruling party. The vote came just 10 days before a new assembly in which the opposition has swelled its ranks takes seat on 5 January, following September legislative elections.

The new law expands 2004



*Customers at a cybercafe in Caracas, Venezuela. The Venezuelan parliament passed a law banning for the first time Internet content that promotes social unrest, challenges authority or condones crime, fueling outrage by the opposition.—INTERNET*

### New iPhone app translates foreign-language signs

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Dec—Augmented-reality applications have promised to revolutionize the way we live on the go with our smartphones, but none have fully delivered yet.

This may be changing. A new iPhone app called Word Lens shows remarkable promise for helping international travelers.

Word Lens uses the phone's video camera, and the phone's processor, to interpret printed words and almost instantly translate them into another language.

Those traveling abroad could hold the phone in front of their eyes to decipher a foreign-language street sign. The app projects the

translated words onto whatever sign you point the phone at.

Google's Goggles app has the capability to translate text or identify objects in an image. But it requires users to take a picture with their phones. Word Lens does it on the fly, meaning it's interpreting frames in video, almost in real time. A similar app called LookTel, designed to help blind people, scans print on objects such as packages of food and reads them aloud.

The Word Lens concept is fascinating, the video demonstration is wonderful; and the app is free and technically advanced.

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restrictions on content in radio, television and print media. In an unprecedented move, it now also includes content from the Internet and electronic subscription services, making webpage managers "responsible for the information and content" published on their websites."

It is meant to crack down on media content that "makes an apology of crime," "promotes unrest in the population" or "challenges legally established authorities." Webpage managers must now "establish mechanisms to restrict, without delay, the diffusion of messages that are included in the ban."—Internet



## Health

### Health Tip: Lichen planus triggers skin rash

Lichen planus is a disease that results in a rash on the skin or inside the mouth. While its exact cause isn't known, it's believed triggered by an allergic or immune system reaction.

The US National Library of Medicine says common symptoms of lichen planus include:

- \* Lesions on the tongue, cheek or gums.
- \* Bluish white bumps in the mouth.
- \* Mouth sores that may progress to painful ulcers.
- \* Lesions on the skin that can itch, look scaly or shiny, and may form an ulcer or blister.
- \* Dryness of the mouth.
- \* Loss of hair.
- \* Ridges that form in the nails.
- \* A metallic taste in the mouth.—Internet

### Autistic children lack visual skills

WASHINGTON, 21 Dec—Autistic children have difficulty finding things such as shoes in a bedroom or apples at a supermarket, impairing their ability to lead normal lives, according to a study published Monday.

Researchers at the University of Bristol said that by testing the ability to carry out real-life tasks they had challenged previous findings that autistic children have enhanced visual searching skills.

"This new research indicates that children with autism are unable to search effectively for objects in real-life situations—a skill that is essential for achieving independence in adulthood," they said in a statement.

The researchers told 40 children, half of whom were autistic, to search for targets in a test room in an experiment they said mirrored daily life better than previous tests that used computers or table-top tasks.



Child with autism.—INTERNET

The findings could help explain why autistic children are often unable to complete simple tasks like finding their favourite animal at the zoo, the researchers said.

"The ability to work effectively and systematically in these kind of tasks mirrors everyday behaviours that allow us to function as independent adults," said Josie Briscoe, one of the authors of the report.

"This research offers an exciting opportunity to explore underlying skills that could help people with autism achieve independence."

The study will appear in the US Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) 21-25 December issue.

An estimated 1.5 million Americans suffer from autism, a disability that affects one's ability to communicate and interact with others and typically appears during the first three years of life.

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### Too much screen time, little socializing

LOS ANGELES, 21 Dec—A growing number of parents are restricting their children's Internet time, much as parents have been restricting TV for the last decade, US researchers say.

Researchers at the Centre for the Digital Future at the Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism at the University of Southern California say parents have also become concerned a child's inperson friendships suffered with more time spent at the computer.

The researchers say their survey indicates more parents each year have been restricting their children's Internet use. This year, 57 percent of homes restrict their child's Internet use. However, the majority of parents — 69 percent — reported

their children spend about the right time on the Internet. Only 28 percent thought their children spent too much time on the Internet — vs 41 percent who thought their children's television time was excessive. Overall, family face time has fallen from 26 hours per week in 2007 to just under 18 hours by 2010.

"We need to make sure families are reinforced rather than weakened in the digital future," Michael Gilber said in a statement.

Gilber and colleagues conducted the telephone and Web-based survey of 1,926 Americans age 12 and older in April 2010. The margin of error was 2 percentage points.

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## Business

### US stocks close mixed, as Nasdaq hits new two-year high

NEW YORK, 21 Dec—The US stocks closed mixed on Monday after a pre-Christmas session of lackluster trading due to the lack of economic news, but Nasdaq and S&P 500 hit new two-year highs.

President Barack Obama signed an 858-billion-dollar package on Friday, renewing the Bush-era tax cuts for another two years and also extending federal unemployment benefits through the end of 2011.

Some investors hope the tax cut will help boost spending as consumers feel better about their financial situation, while others doubt the deal can do much to stimulate the economy.

Meanwhile, the mood turned cautious after the market posted three straight weekly gains, and investors were normally reluctant to take big moves around Christmas.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 13.78 points, or 0.12 percent, to 11,478.13. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 3.17 points, or 0.25 percent, to 1,247.08 and the Nasdaq rose 6.59 points, or 0.25 percent, to 2,649.56.—Xinhua

### U.S. stocks and European stocks end mixed

December 20, local time					
London -FTSE 100 Index	Paris-the CAC-40 Index	Frankfurt -the DAX Index	Standard & Poor's 500 Index	Dow Jones Industrial average	Nasdaq composite Index
0.34%	0.46%	0.52%	0.25%	0.12%	0.25%
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### Toshiba says may hit nuclear sale

TOKYO, 21 Dec—Revenue from Toshiba Corp's (6502.T) nuclear power plant business may reach 1 trillion yen (\$12 billion) in the next three years, ahead of schedule, the Japanese industrial conglomerate said on Tuesday.

Toshiba spokesman Hiroki Yamazaki confirmed comments by the company's president, Norio Sasaki, in an interview with the *Nikkei business daily* that the firm could reach the sales mark ahead of its March 2016 target.

The firm is benefiting from growing demand for nuclear power plants in emerging economies such as China and Vietnam as nuclear facility construction in the United States slows, the *Nikkei* said.

Sales at its US subsidiary, Westinghouse, are growing by 20 percent a year with the profit margin for Toshiba's overall nuclear reactor business likely to be as high as 10 percent within the next two years, Sasaki told the *Nikkei*.

Reuters

Graphics shows US stocks end mixed and European stocks close higher on 20 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA

### Toyota to pay \$32.4M in extra fines



An employee wipes a Toyota electric FT-EV II concept car at the Guangzhou Autoshow on 20 December, 2010. INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 21 Dec—Toyota Motor Corp has agreed to pay the government a record \$32.4 million in additional fines to settle an investigation into its handling of two recalls at the heart of its safety crisis. The Transportation Department said late Monday the civil penalties will settle investigations into how Toyota dealt with recalls over accelerator pedals that could get trapped in floor mats, and steering relay rods that could break and lead to drivers losing control.

The latest settlement, on top of a \$16.4 million fine Toyota paid earlier in a related investigation, brings the total penalties levied on the company to \$48.8 million. It caps a difficult year for the world's No 1 automaker, which recalled more than 11 million vehicles globally since the fall of 2009 as it scrambled to protect its reputation for safety and reliability.

Toyota's board of directors agreed to pay the fines on Tuesday at the company's board meeting in Japan, according to an official familiar with the case, and the company said it agreed to the penalties without admitting to any violations of US laws. However, that does not free Toyota from potential civil and criminal penalties in private lawsuits and other federal investigations.—Internet

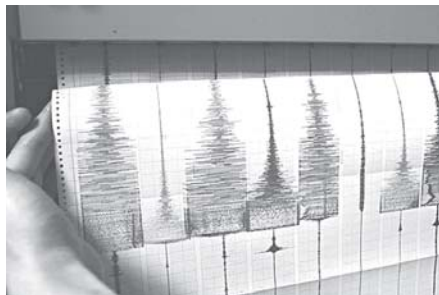
## ISC says 6.5 magnitude quake hits southeastern Iran

TEHERAN, 21 Dec—An earthquake of 6.5 magnitude hit Iran's southeastern city of Hosein Abad in Kerman Province on Monday, the Iranian Seismological Centre (ISC) said on its website.

However, there were no reports of casualties as of now.

The earthquake, occurring at local time 22:12 (1842 GMT) and at a depth of five km, was 28.6 degrees north latitude and 59.1 degrees east longitude, the ISC said.

Iran, including its capital Teheran, sits astride several major fault-lines in the earth



**A 6.5-magnitude earthquake has rocked southeastern Iran killing seven people.**  
INTERNET

crust, and is prone to frequent earthquakes. Moderate quakes sometimes cause huge damage in some regions due to the poor construction.

Some Iranian officials have suggested to move the capital from Teheran to some other places. The idea of shifting the capital

away from Teheran is not something new, and related preliminary planning was done in the late 1980s and again in the early 1990s.—Xinhua

## 5.8-magnitude quake rocks Indonesia's Yogyakarta, triggers panic

JAKARTA, 21 Dec—A 5.8-magnitude earthquake rocked Indonesia's Yogyakarta Province at 10:59 am local time (0359) on Tuesday.

The Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency in a statement said that the earthquake was centered at 140 kilometres southeast of Wonosari regency and at a depth of 16 kilometres under seabed. The agency said that the tremor was felt at residences of Wonosari of Yogyakarta Province and several parts of Central Java Province.

Detikcom online news reported that the tremor caused panic in Wonosari. Students ran out of schools following the earthquake that lasted for several seconds. The report said that the tremor was also felt in Central Java Provincial capital city of Semarang and Pacitan regency of East Java Province.

"I was at the sixth floor of HSBC building in Simpang Lima area of Semarang. We were panicked and ran down (to the ground) via emergency stairs," Vito, a local resident, told detikcom.

No damage infrastructure due to the tremor.

Xinhua

## Two pilots killed in air crash in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 21 Dec—Two pilots were killed on Monday when a training aircraft from the Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) crashed in Bangladesh's Barisal District, 169 kilometres south of capital Dhaka.

The Inter-Service Public Relations of Bangladesh Army said in a release the BAF training aircraft PT-6 crashed at about 14:18 local time during a training mission on the western side of Barisal Airport.

Two pilots of the aircraft Squadron Leader Ashraf Ibbne Ahmed and Squadron Leader Md Mahmudul Haque died in the crash, the release said, adding a committee has been formed to investigate the real cause of the accident.

The release said Air Force chief Ziaur Rahman has already reached Barisal by helicopter and he has given necessary instructions to all concerned for the rescue operation.

MNA/Xinhua

## California storm causes evacuations

LOS ANGELES, 21 Dec—A storm pounding California with record rain forced authorities in the San Joaquin Valley to order 2,000 residents to evacuate the farming community of McFarland due to major flooding.

An estimated 400 to 500 homes were in danger, Kern County Fire Department spokesman Sean Collins said.

A sheriff's helicopter crew was trying to locate the source of the flooding, which possibly was coming from ditches and canals that supply water to farms, Collins said. Two evacuation centers were set up.

"We cannot mandatorily evacuate anybody," Collins said. "If a person wants to stay, we cannot arrest them."

Stormy weather has gripped California since late last week, triggering mostly minor flooding, mudslides, road closures and power outages. Forecasters warned of

worsening conditions Tuesday and Wednesday as more storms bore down on the state and threatened to dump another 5 to 10 inches of rain.

Fresno TV station KFSN reported a 5-year-old boy was killed Sunday night when an SUV driven by his father went out of control during a downpour west of Temperance. The three surviving family members were taken to a hospital.

Virtually the entire state was affected by the bad weather, from coastal cities to the Central Valley, Sierra Nevada and southern deserts. On Sunday, rainfall records for the date fell, numerous traffic accidents snarled roads and trees tumbled. Some locations in Southern California received more than 12 inches of rain, said meteorologist Jamie Meier of the National Weather Service. It was the most rainfall in one storm event since 2005, he said.

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**A pedestrian walks through a flooded gutter in Los Angeles, on 20 Dec, 2010. A storm walloped parts of California with up to 7 inches of rain and spawned minor flooding, mudslides and road closures Monday, but forecasters warn the bad weather's real impact may be yet to come.**  
INTERNET



**A man smokes rolled cannabis at the yard of Tikun Olam company centre in Tel Aviv on 19 Dec, 2010.**

**The company, which distributes cannabis for medicinal purposes to over 1800 people, temporarily closed its distribution centre last week, after one of its workers was arrested on suspicion of issuing medical marijuana beyond prescription quotas set by the Health Ministry, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said.**

INTERNET

## Man kills bride, best man, self at wedding

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Dec—A bridegroom fatally shot his new wife, his best man and then himself after announcing to horrified guests that he had a "surprise" for them, authorities said Monday.

Witnesses reported that 29-year-old sales manager Rogerio Damascena did not give any previous indication that anything was wrong at his wedding reception, police investigator Joao Brito said.

Brito would not speculate on a possible motive, saying family members were in shock and he had not interviewed them yet.

Brito did say the killings are believed to be premeditated because of the groom's announcement and because he had hidden a gun in his father's pickup truck.

Twenty-five-year-old bride Renata Alexandre Costa Coelho and best man Marcelo Guimaraes were both killed in Saturday's murder-suicide. A brother of the bride was treated at a hospital and released. The website Globo.com quoted a sister of the bride who left before the shootings as saying she didn't believe it was a crime of passion.

"My sister was a wonderful person who loved and wanted to be loved," Lucia Helena Coelho was quoted as saying.

"He was happy, she was happy, the party was beautiful. His family adored her and doesn't understand this," Coelho told Globo.com. He revealed himself as a sociopath who fooled the entire family and killed his best friend, who was the best man."

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## JPMorgan Chase buys old Lehman London HQ

LONDON, 21 Dec—US bank JPMorgan Chase has agreed to buy the former European headquarter of failed peer Lehman Brothers for some 500 million pounds, vendor Canary Wharf Group announced on Monday.

"JPMorgan today acquired 25 Bank Street in Canary Wharf from Canary Wharf Group Plc," CWG said in a statement, added that the US firm will pay a total of 495 million pounds (\$85 million euros, 768 million dollars).

"The building will become the new European headquarters of JPM's investment bank in 2012," it added.

The tower, which has more than one million square feet of floor space, used to house Lehman Brothers until the US investment bank collapsed in September 2008 as the global financial crisis broke. The move will bring together JPMorgan's investment bank division which is currently spread across four locations in London.

"Even during the recession, we have continued to invest and grow our businesses internationally," JPMorgan chief executive Jamie Dimon said in the statement. "This



acquisition is a long-term investment and represents part of our continued commitment to London as one of the world's most important financial centres."

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## Former MOE scholar expelled from University of York

SINGAPORE, 21 Dec—A former scholar with Singapore's Ministry of Education (MOE) has been expelled from the University of York.

23-year-old Jonathan Wong, who was a history major at the university, had been found guilty of owning child pornography videos.

In a statement on Monday, the university said Jonathan has been "permanently excluded" on the grounds of gross misconduct.

The university added that it is strongly committed to child safety and deplores all types of child pornography and abuse.



Jonathan Wong

Jonathan had also been sentenced to six months' imprisonment by the UK court on Monday.

However, his sentence has been suspended for two years. This means it will not be a custodial sentence. Sources at the court had earlier indicated he would not receive a custodial sentence because he had pleaded guilty to the charges and had no previous convictions.

But he will be subject to an eight-month supervision order from the probation service and will be placed under the sex offender's register for seven years. He has also been disqualified from working with children.—Internet

Xinhua

## KLM to launch scheduled service to Xiamen

THE HAGUE, 21 Dec—KLM Royal Dutch Airlines announced Monday it will begin operating scheduled service to Xiamen International Airport in China on 27 March 2011.

According to a Press release, KLM is the first airline to offer direct flights between Xiamen and Europe.

"This 7<sup>th</sup> destination in China strengthens the KLM position in this fast growing market. With this new route KLM offers 43 weekly frequencies to China," says KLM President & CEO Peter Hartman.

The new service will be operated three times a week. Flights will be operated with Boeing 777-200ER equipment, which can seat up to 318 passengers.

Xinhua

## SEC investigating Hurd's exit from HP

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Dec—Regulators are looking into the events surrounding Mark Hurd's abrupt exit as chief executive of Hewlett Packard Co, a source familiar with the matter said on Monday.

The SEC's probe was first reported by the *Wall Street Journal*, which cited anonymous sources as saying the Securities and Exchange Commission was investigating claims that Hurd shared inside information with an ex-contractor ahead of its \$13.9 billion acquisition

of Electronic Data Systems in 2008.

Hurd's departure in August stunned investors and sent shares tumbling 8 percent in the first trading day after the announcement. Now an Oracle co-president, he left under a cloud of sexual harassment accusations, although the board found no evidence to back up that allegation.

HP instead accused Hurd of filing inaccurate expense reports to conceal a "close personal relationship" with a former contractor,

although Hurd's representatives have disputed that.

Now, the government was also examining the claims of inaccurate expense reports filed by Hurd at HP, and looking into whether Hurd destroyed computer evidence related to his departure, the *Journal* reported.

HP confirmed the SEC probe but declined to comment on what the government was specifically investigating. Hurd declined comment through a spokesman.—Reuters



In this file photo, Oracle Corp co-president Mark Hurd speaks during a keynote address at Oracle World in San Francisco. The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the circumstances of Hurd's forced resignation from Hewlett Packard Co in August, a surprising exit that triggered an immediate \$9 billion drop in HP's market value and involved allegations of sexual harassment and inappropriate sharing of inside information.

INTERNET

## Russia considers new START treaty unchangeable

Moscow, 21 Dec—Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Monday told local media that the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) is unchangeable, saying the new treaty will promote strategic stability between Russia and the United States if put into force.

"I can just emphasize that the treaty, in our view, is completely in line with the national interests of Russia and the US. It cannot be 'reopened' and become a subject of new negotiations," Lavrov

told the *Interfax* news agency.

With regard to the reported attempts of some US senators to make changes to the new START, Lavrov said: "We hope the senators will show their responsibility by supporting it (the new treaty)."

"However, we are not in any way going to interfere in the process of the hearings on the treaty in (the US) Capitol Hill—that is a domestic issue of the United States," he added.

Xinhua

## China telecom sector reports 6.6% rise in main business revenue

BEIJING, 21 Dec — China's telecom industry reported 819.03 billion yuan (122.98 billion US dollars) in main business revenue for the first 11 months, up 6.6 percent year on year, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) announced Tuesday.

The MIIT released subscriber data that showed the number of mobile phone service users continued to rise as the number of fixed-line subscribers was falling.

Mobile telecommunication revenues accounted for 69.82 percent of the total, 3.12 percentage points more than the previous year, while the fixed-line business took 30.18 percent, down 3.12 percentage points.

The number of fixed-line subscribers fell by 15.39 million to 298.34 million by the end of November, while mobile phone users were up by more than 94.83 million to 842.04 million.

Xinhua



A video game image released by Electronic Arts shows an image from the game 'Mass Effect 2.'

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**Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.**

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**CEC Member of USDP U Aung Thein Lin presents cash to Chairman of MWJA U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit).—MNA**

## Harmonious cooperation,...

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U Aung Thein Lin presented K 6.75 million donated by USDP for the ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati and K 2.15 million for the ceremony to pay respects to old musicians to Chairman of the Myanmar Writers and



Journalists Association U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and Chairman U Maung Maung Latt.

USDP has set up trust funds for old artistes and literati, and will continue to yearly make cash donations to them.

The minister and officials accepted the donations that totalled K 46,805,000 plus medical equipment worth K 64,000 by Seinbayet Medical House and Sky Net DTH TV sets and free cards worth K 6,106,000 by Shwe Than Lwin Media Co for 43 doyen musicians including K 5 million by U Maung Maung Aye (Alinka Wutyi); K 3 million by Sky Net of Shwe Than Lwin Media Co Ltd; and K 2 million each by Family Entertainment, U Ko Ko Htwe Royal Family and Forever Group Co Ltd, K 1.1 million each by U Win Thein-A.1 Tin Tin Hla and U Zaw Min (Mingala Co) and K 1 million each by Bagan FM, Patamya FM, Cherry FM, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM and Myanmar Worldy Co, K 810,000 by BTL Co, K 600,000 by Vocalist Pyu Thi (Lupyandaw Patamya), K 500,000 each by TMW Enterprise Co, Shwe Super Light Co, Vocalist May Khala and Mahanan Restaurant (Malaysia).

Chairman U Maung Maung Latt explained the purposes of the respect-paying ceremony and spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted the attendees, donors, musicians and artistes.

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## Eye patients get free medical treatment in Thandwe Township



**Eye specialist team tending to eye patients in Thandwe Township.**

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YANGON, 21 Dec — An Eye Specialist team led by Eye Specialists Professor Dr U Kan Nyunt and Professor Dr U Ko Ko Tin provided free medical treatment to eye patients at an eye clinic in Myapyin village in Thandwe of Rakhine State from 16 p 19 December.

The 13-member team comprising eight doctors and five nurses gave free medical treatment to 787 eye patients and performed operations to 152 patients with cataract from Thandwe, Gwa, Kyeintali and Taunggup Townships.

Wellwishers Dr U Tin Kyi and Daw Than

Ngwe and family of Bauktaw Ward in Yangon, Dr U Son Han and Daw Tin Tin Htwe of Singapore and U Kyi Lin and Daw San San Win and family of Insein in Yangon made contributions to providing free medical treatment and surgeries.

MNA

## Myanmar Akarat transformers available

YANGON, 21 Dec—Myanmar Akarat Transformer factory is producing international-standard transformers, located in No.476, Mogok road, industrial zone-1 in South Dagon Township, Yangon. The industry, established in year 2000, produces transformers with German technology by using raw materials

and related materials from Italy, Japan and Sweden and Thailand. Guarantee for the transformers is five years. For more information, contact No.86/B, Shin Saw Pu road, Sangyoung Township, Yangon, dial 01-516512, 516510, 723755 and 098611880, send Fax no 01-516510 and myin@myanmar.com.mm.—MNA

## UMFCCI President meets JCCY counterpart

YANGON, 21 Dec — President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and Vice-President U Zaw Min Win met President of Japan Chamber of Com-

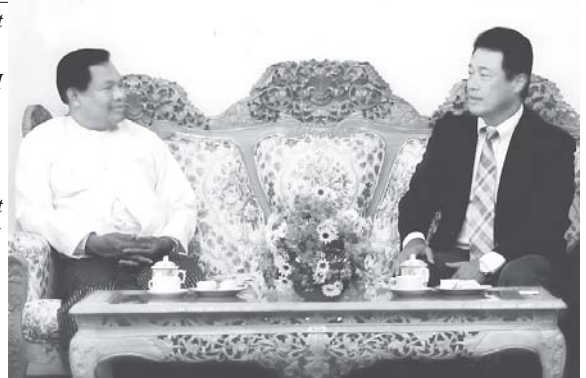
merce, Yangon (JCCY) Mr. Toru Hiroe and Secretary Mr. Eitaro Kojima at the office of the federation on 15 December.

They held discussions on more cooperation between UMFCCI and

JCCY in order to boost Myanmar-Japan businesses, more investments in Myanmar by Japanese entrepreneurs and holding the 8th meeting of MJBCC/JMBCC in Japan in 2011.—MNA

**President of UMFCCI U Win Myint meets President of JCCY Mr Toru Hiroe.**

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## Saya U Wint Kyaw LCCI stipend comes out

YANGON, 21 Dec—U Thant Zaw (LCCI-KMD), son of Saya U Wint Kyaw, and Principal of MHR U Aye Kyaw, U Wint Kyaw's pupil, arranged a programme of LCCI stipend with the contribution of renowned LCCI course instructors in Yangon.

Course instructor

U Wint Kyaw is a late writer and also a banker.

Saya U Aye Kyaw is making contact with British Council and in-charge of LCCI to get exemption of exam fee.

There are 26 stipends for LCCI level I and II, 18 for level III. Those wishing to win the stipend may contact MHR

training centre at No.905, ninth floor of Thanzay Condo, Lanmadaw Township, with a copy NSC (National Scrutinization Card), two passport sized photos, a copy of family registration list, a copy of matriculation certificate and marks list of the exam.

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## Meeting on boosting gold mining held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec—Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint held a meeting with the entrepreneurs who run gold mining with No (2) Mining Enterprise through joint venture at the ministry here today.

Also present on the occasion were officials of the state and region Peace and Development Councils, members of supervisory committee for gold mining joint venture enterprise and central work committee for special inspection, officials of district and township special inspection work committees, officials of Attorney-General's Office, Auditor-General's Office and Central Bank of Myanmar, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises of the Mines Ministry and responsible persons.

The minister said that the ministry is striving for promotion of mines sector in accord with the motto saying "exploit soil, promote country's economy"; that in compliance with market-oriented economic system, the ministry gives encouragement to entrepreneurs in favour of private sector development in conformity with rules and laws; that the ministry



cooperates with Attorney-General's Office, Auditor-General's Office and other related ministries for emergence of mines fields by promulgating rules and laws; and that the director-general of Mining Department has been sent to four states and regions.

He called for needs in order not to harm environment and action to be strictly taken against illegal gold mining.

The minister continued that Gold Entrepreneurs

*Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint addressing meeting with the entrepreneurs who run gold mining with No (2) Mining Enterprise through joint venture.—MNA*

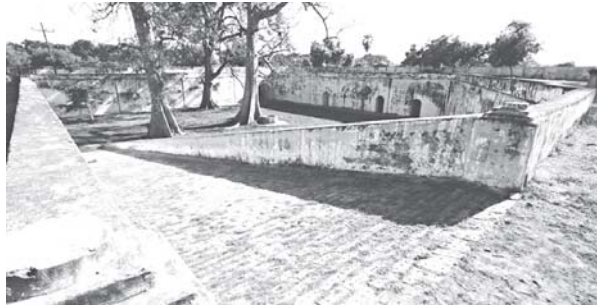


Association has been formed as a result that the gold production and market are much bigger than last years; that entrepreneurs need to pay tax to the State correctly; and that entrepreneurs are in need of working together with officials concerned to enhance gold mining.

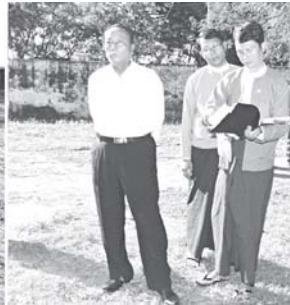
The officials concerned took part in the meeting.

The minister then coordinated essentials regarding the reports.

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



## Culture Minister inspects renovation of edifices in Mandalay, Sagaing Regions

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec—Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint visited Hsinkyone fortress in ancient Innwa in TadaU Township, Mandalay Region, on 18 December. There, he gave instructions to officials on preventive measures against river bank erosion in the north and west parts of the fort and its maintenance.

He then proceeded to Asekan fortress in Sagaing and Thabyetan fortress in Amarapura Township and left necessary instructions on maintenance of the fortress. Later, the minister visited the archaeological museum in ancient Innwa and gave necessary instructions there.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec—The military codes of conduct contest of the Ministry of Defence was held at Kyansitha Yeiktha of the ministry here this morning with the participation of officers and other ranks of respective offices and departments under the ministry.

Camp Commandant of the Ministry of Defence Col Lu Aye and officials encouraged those who are taking part in the contest. Altogether 211 officers and other ranks participated in the contest.—MNA

## Military codes of conduct contest held



*Camp Commandant of the Ministry of Defence Col Lu Aye encourages those who are taking part in military code of conduct contest.—MNA*

## Take fire preventive measures ...

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At present, special emphasis is being placed on taking preventive measures against outbreak of fire in rural areas.

Responsible persons coordinated in their meetings for many times to keep markets and high-rise buildings free from outbreak of fire. In addition,

calamity in outbreaks of fire have been made known to the people through newspapers, radio, TV and journals. Fire drills were performed at factories and workshops for many times. Moreover, talks on fire preventive measures have been organized in wards, villages and townships.

It is necessary to build water tanks filled with water at all markets, wards and villages as part of efforts to prevent danger of fire. All the residences and buildings are to be put up with fire extinguishers.

If fire breaks out at any place, the incidents

should be informed to the respective Fire Services Department immediately. Moreover, people are to participate in putting out the fire through united strength.

Taking fire preventive measures is all the people's concern. The people and shopkeepers of markets are to follow fire preventive plans. All the people are urged to conquer the bad master through activity of taking preventive measures.

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## China celebrates success of 2<sup>nd</sup> lunar probe "Chang'e-2"

BEIJING, 21 Dec—China celebrated on Monday the success of its second lunar probe, *Chang'e-2*, highlighting the significance of the project in boosting the country's technological development.

In a celebration rally in Beijing, President Hu Jintao hailed the project as another achievement in China's lunar exploration programme and a result of its drive to build an innovation-oriented nation. The lunar probe project was a strategic decision based on China's goal of building an innovation-driven nation and achieving rapid economic development, said Hu.

Through the success of *Chang'e-2*, China had not only made breakthroughs in a series of core and key technologies, but also promoted the development of the basic sciences

and applied technologies, said Hu. The project had also brought experience of managing major science and technology projects, and cultivated high-quality science, technological and managerial staff, said Hu.

Hu praised the contributions of all the project staff, their great sense of responsibility, solidarity, earnest efforts, and devotion.

The project provided important inspiration and experience for realizing rapid economic development during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period (2011-2015), said Hu. *Chang'e-2* was launched on 1 October and entered its long-term lunar orbit on 3 November. It has begun to capture images of the moon's Sinus Iridum, or Bay of Rainbows.

MNA/Xinhua



*Planes are deiced at Orly Airport south of Paris on 20 Dec, 2010.*

INTERNET

## Three killed in train-car collision in northern France

PARIS, 21 Dec—Three people were killed after a regional express train (TER) collided with a car on Monday in the northern Province of Recquignies, local media reported.

The TER which was heading to Mons in Belgium collided with a car on a level crossing in the morning and three people in the car were killed, said RTL radio.

"The accident was very violent for the train was at 140 kilometres an hour and the car was dragged about 300 metres," the rescue team was quoted as saying by the radio.

Fortunately, passengers on the train were all safe and sound.

The cause of the accident remained unknown.

The Recquignies collision was the second of its kind in a week after a medium-route passenger train collided with a school bus in central eastern France, injuring 19 children.—Xinhua



*Visitors look at an ancient bell of the Spring and Autumn Period (770 BC-476 BC) at the exhibition hall in the National Centre For the Performing Arts in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA*

## Blast hits residential houses, casualties unknown

HANGZHOU, 21 Dec—A blast occurred in residential houses in east China's Zhejiang Province Tuesday, but the casualties remained unknown, local authorities said.

The explosion occurred in Ouhai District of Wenzhou City early in the morning, police said.

Initial investigations blamed the explosion on gas problems, according to work safety supervision officers.

Xinhua

## Greece plans to reduce social security cost over two years

ATHENS, 21 Dec—Greece on Monday announced a plan to reduce by 25 percent the social security cost for businesses over the next two years.

Addressing an economic forum in Athens, Alternate Labour and Social Security Minister Giorgos Koutroumanis said that the aim of the measure is to address the "plague" of undeclared employment in the country that each year costs social security funds more than 10 billion euros (about 13.14 billion US dollars).

The reduction plan, subject to parliament approval in January 2011, is expected to come into force in the second half of 2011.

Enterprises which pay social security funds in time will be given a 10 percent discount which will gradually reach 25 percent by 2013, says the plan.

"The success of our strategy regarding the future of social security will depend on the course of structural changes," Greek Labour and Social Security Minister Louka Katseli said at the forum, noting that national consensus is necessary so that Greece will exit the current debt crisis as soon as possible.

Xinhua



*San Bernardino Country Firefighters work their way towards a car trapped in a wash while crossing Hughes Road in Victorville, Calif on 20 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET*



*A partial lunar eclipse is seen in Conakry, Guinea, on 21 Dec, 2010.*

XINHUA

## Special flight to fly back Thai tourists' bodies

IPOH, 21 Dec—A special flight will be deployed to fly back the bodies of 24 Thai tourists killed in Monday's tour bus accident at Cameron Highlands, one of the famous highlands in Pahang, a central state in Peninsula Malaysia.

Thai Ambassador to Malaysia Thana Duangrana made the remarks at the hospital here in the capital of Perak, the neighbouring state of Pahang, where the 10 injured victims of the deadly crash were undergoing treatment.

According to the ambassador,

the embassy is arranging with its government for a special flight from here to Bangkok to bring home the killed victims. The double-decker bus carrying 34 Thai tourists heading to Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, crashed into a divider and overturned in a 0.6-metre ditch, killing 24 Thais and three Malaysians, who were the driver, the co-driver and the tourist guide.

The Malaysian police believed that accident, one of the most serious bus tragedies in Malaysia, was caused by speeding or brake failure.—Xinhua



## Highest hotel expected in Shanghai in 2014

BEIJING, 21 Dec—The Shanghai Tower J Hotel might set the world record as the highest hotel when finished in 2014, *China Daily* reported Monday.

The establishment, a new brand of Shanghai Jin Jiang International Hotels (Group) Co, Ltd (Jin Jiang Hotels), will span the 84<sup>th</sup> to 110<sup>th</sup> floors of the Shanghai Tower, which will rise 632 meters, or 121 stories. Construction began two years ago.

The hotel will feature 258 luxury guestrooms. The lobby will be on the 101<sup>st</sup> floor.

Jin Jiang Hotels was quoted by Monday's *China Daily* as saying that it will be the world's highest luxury hotel when it opens in late 2014 or early 2015,

surpassing the Park Hyatt Shanghai, which currently holds the honour.

The Park Hyatt occupies the 79<sup>th</sup> to 93<sup>rd</sup> floors of Shanghai's tallest building, the World Financial Centre.

The Shanghai Tower is located in the central business district of Lujiazui, Pudong District, near the Shanghai World Financial Centre and Jin Mao Tower. The 828-meter-high Burj Khalifa in Dubai, which opened early this year, is the world's highest skyscraper. But its hotel, fashion designer Giorgio Armani's first, only occupies the 160-level structure's lower stories. The Shanghai Tower J Hotel will also challenge the new Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong expected to open next year.—Xinhua



Flamenco dancers perform during the staging of "A Posteriori", in Santiago, Capital of Chile, on 17 Dec, 2010. The flamenco show from the Spanish dancer Sara Baras mixes dance with audiovisual montages.

XINHUA



Riders on the snow : Riders enjoy the sunny winter weather during their ride through the snowy landscape near the Bavarian village Puchheim, west of Munich, southern Germany.—INTERNET

## Indonesia likely to miss inflation target this year

JAKARTA, 21 Dec—The Indonesian government said it will be difficult to meet this year's inflation target of 5.3 percent, explaining that extreme weather had resulted in soaring food prices, the *Jakarta Post* reported on Monday.

"I must admit that it is hard for us to meet the inflation target of 5 plus minus one as the extreme weather has had a significant impact on our food (prices)," Coordinating Economic Minister Hatta Rajasa said.

Meanwhile, Bank Indonesia (BI) Governor Darmin Nasution said that

this year's inflation rate may likely surpass 6.5 percent, but next year would not pass the rate forecast of between 4 and 6 percent, as "it will be in the range of 5 plus minus 1 percent".

BI predicts next year's inflationary pressure to remain heavy, but the rate will not be as high as this year, Darmin says.

The revised 2010 state budget sets the inflation target at 5.3 percent, while the central bank has forecast an inflation rate of between 4 and 6 percent.

Xinhua

## Foot-and-mouth disease inches toward Seoul

SEOUL, 21 Dec—South Korea confirmed an additional case of foot-and-mouth disease Tuesday at a cattle farm in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province, indicating that the disease has spread across the area near the capital despite quarantine efforts.

The Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries confirmed that a suspected case reported from the cattle farm in Gapyeong late Monday turned out to be foot-and-mouth disease.

"The 55 heads of cattle on the farm have been culled to prevent further spread of the disease, with other livestock within a 500-metre radius to be destroyed as well," the ministry said. Gapyeong is located near Gangwon Province, the country's leading producer of beef, thereby aggravating fears over devastating consequences of further spread of the animal disease.

The first case of foot-and-mouth disease was reported in Andong, North Gyeongsang Province, last month, and the disease has spread beyond its origin despite extensive quarantine efforts.

Xinhua

## Adobe 4Q earnings beat Street, as does outlook

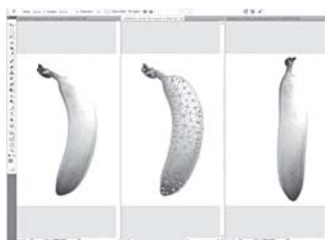
NEW YORK, 21 Dec—Software maker Adobe Systems Inc on Monday posted earnings for its latest quarter that exceeded analyst expectations, and it provided a rosy outlook.

Investors pumped the stock up by \$1.57, or 5.4 percent, to \$30.75 in extended trading, after the release of the results.

The maker of Photoshop, Acrobat and Flash software earned \$269 million, or 53 cents per share, in the fiscal fourth quarter, which ended 3 Dec. In the same period last year, it posted a loss of \$32 million, or 6 cents per share, weighed down by tax effects and restructuring costs.

Adjusted earnings were 56 cents per share in the latest quarter, surpassing the average forecast of 52 cents per share among analysts surveyed by *Thomson Reuters*.

Adobe says revenue jumped 33 percent to \$1.01 billion from \$757 million last year. It was Adobe's first billion-dollar quarter. Adobe, which is based in San Jose, Calif, says it expects to earn 54 cents to 59 cents per share in the current quarter, excluding items, on revenue of \$1 billion to \$1.05 billion. Analysts were expecting 51 cents, on



This undated screen shot shows three phases of a photo of a banana, from left the original, the masked version and the result, that was bent with a tool of the new Adobe Photoshop CS5 software. Adobe Systems Inc, releases quarterly financial earnings on 20 Dec, 2010, after the market close.—INTERNET

\$992 billion of revenue. Overall, Adobe expects revenue to grow 10 percent next year, reflecting slower growth than the just-ended year, when sales rebounded from the recession.

CEO Shantanu Narayen said the company expects to benefit from the continuing e-book revolution, as publishers adopt its software tools. It also plans to help developers who want to make software for tablet computers.

Internet

## Peugeot China sales could outstrip France by 2015

BEIJING, 21 Dec—French automaker Peugeot has said its sales in China could pass those in its home market in five years, a report said Monday, underlining the Asian nation's importance as the world's largest car market.

Peugeot, a unit of French group PSA Peugeot Citroen, is hoping to sell about 500,000 vehicles by 2015, China-based company executive Timothy Zimmerman said.

That would exceed the company's performance in France—where it posts annual sales of about 400,000 cars—in 2015 or shortly thereafter, Zimmerman said.

China's auto sales for 2009 hit 13.64 million units as the nation took

over the title of the world's top auto market from the United States.

In the first 11 months of 2010, total sales rose 34.1 percent on-year to a record 16.4 million units, the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers said this month. Total 2010 sales are expected to reach 18 million units.—Internet



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## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV BANGSAOTONG VOY NO (134)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSAOTONG VOY NO (134) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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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## Australian researchers hail lung cancer breakthrough

CANBERRA, 21 Dec—Australian doctors on Saturday said they have found a lung cancer treatment that could turn a common form of the highly lethal disease into a manageable condition such as diabetes.

In what is being labeled the biggest breakthrough in lung cancer to date, scientists from the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Australia have developed a drug therapy they believe can shut down a defective gene that causes diseased lung tissue to grow out of control.

The gene is present in 25 percent of lung cancer

patients.

Professor Gavin Wright said laboratory models of the disease had shown that the drugs should destroy the tumors in about 80 percent of these people. A trial of the drugs on patients with squamous cell lung tumors will begin in Victoria next year. Prof Wright hopes other hospitals around the world will join them to accelerate the testing process, adding that if the trials show the drugs are safe and effective, the treatment could be available to patients in three to five years.—Xinhua

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*Patrons eat lunch at the Finjan restaurant in Antwerp, Belgium. The GaultMillau, whose influence is on par with Michelin or Zagat, has listed the pita-and-falafel joint on its culinary guide.—XINHUA*

## Hot gastropubs serve gourmet grunge

BEIJING, 21 Dec—It was an unlikely laurel: the first-ever mention of a pita-and-falafel joint in one of Europe's leading culinary guides. The GaultMillau, whose influence is on par with that Michelin or Zagat, only granted the Finjan restaurant 13 out of 20 points. But the fact it was tapped at all drives home a new phenomenon on the culinary scene: frugal is fashionable in Europe's bleak economic times. The continent's recession has been cutting into pocket-books and expense ac-

counts, hitting exorbitant Michelin-starred restaurants hard. Europeans are turning to humbler fare to tickle their finicky palates call it gourmet grunge.

The growing attraction of homely brasseries and gastropubs is another sign of how lean wallets are feeding a back-to-basics approach to food. After spending at Belgian restaurants suffered an 11 percent slump in 2009, it's estimated to fall a further 3 percent in 2010. But this year, a clear class differentiation also emerges if

the over-35 euro (US\$46.25)-a-head restaurant is projected to have 7 percent fewer visitors this year, the cheaper under-35 euro class is bouncing back with 4 percent more, says Gert Laurijssen of the Foodstep study group. There's even a name for it: "Bistrology"—Bistros going for slimmed-down gastronomy, says Jan De Haes, head of the regional HoReCa restaurant federation.—Xinhua

## Survey says over half of Canadians trust pets more than people

VANCOUVER, 21 Dec—Over half of Canadian pet owners think their animals are more reliable than people as nearly all of them talk to their pets on a regular basis, and some even confess their deepest, darkest secrets to their four-legged friends. That was the conclusion of a recent survey conducted by Harris/Decima, Canada's research firm, on behalf of the pet food company Nestle Purina PetCare into the special bond between Canadian pet owners and their animals.

The study, which surveyed 1,014 Canadians (of which 781 owned or had owned a cat or dog) found that 53 percent of pet owners, and 59 percent of those between the ages of 45 and 54, find their pets more reliable than their partners.

Xinhua

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## Calligraphic works from mountainous Chinese county exhibited in Tokyo

TOKYO, 21 Dec—An array of 60 calligraphic works by artists and enthusiasts in a mountainous county in east China's Jiangxi Province are displayed in the Chinese Culture Center in Tokyo. The works,

crafted by people in Yongxin County aged from 18 to 87, ranged from cursive script to regular script. Exhibited along with the works are photos depicting the scene of the county.

The exhibition was initiated by the China Association of Poverty Alleviation and Development (CAPAD)

with the purpose of introducing to the foreign visitors the traditional Chinese elements in counties struck by poverty. "This is the first step of our program to help such counties connect with the outside world," Yu Zhaoxia, an official with the association told Xinhua.—Xinhua

## China delivers first upgraded homegrown short haul passenger aircraft

Xi'an, 21 Dec—China's first new-generation homegrown short haul passenger aircraft, Xinzhou-600, was delivered Friday to China Civil Aviation College in Guanghan City of southwest China's Sichuan Province. The Xinzhou-600, developed by Xi'an Aircraft International Corporation (XAIC) of the China Aviation Industry Corporation (AVIC), had its first trial flight in October 2008 in Xi'an, capital of Shaanxi Province, said the AVIC.

The turboprop aircraft was an upgraded version of the Xinzhou-60 that can carry 50 to 60 passengers. The Xinzhou-600 had been updated with a more

comfortable cabin and better designed body structure, said Jiang Jianjun, general manager of XAIC.

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*Equestrians attend a horse racing during the opening of the winter Nadam fair in Hulunbuir, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 17 Dec, 2010. Nadam, meaning entertainment and playing in Mongolian language, is a traditional entertainment and games festival of the Mongolian ethnic group. During the event, local residents participate in activities like horse racing, archery and Mongolian wrestling.—XINHUA*

## Eat and be eaten, that's how weaver ants can help African farmers

AARHUS, 21 Dec—A research team at Aarhus University, Denmark, is ready to launch a weaver ant project next month in Tanzania and Benin in collaboration with local scientists and farmers to produce organic fruits, with the ants themselves

possibly serving as an alternate source of protein for human beings.

An arboreal insect known for its lethal biting power, the weaver ant has been recorded to serve as a natural biocontrol agent against agricultural pests, according to ancient Chi-

nese texts dated as early as 304 BC. Scientists in Denmark found that the weaver ant may effectively help farmers in Africa in fruit agriculture, after researching on the ant's interaction with pests on mango and cashew-nut trees.—Xinhua



*Dancers from the Russian Royal Ballet Ensemble perform the classic ballet drama "the Swan Lake"*

*at the Liaoning Grand Theater in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 19 Dec, 2010.*

XINHUA



## Ohio zoo names snake Hanna, after celeb zookeeper



An Ohio zoo has settled on a familiar name for its new snake that has replaced her record-breaking mother.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium says its new reticulated python will be called Hanna — which happens to be the last name of the zoo's celebrity zookeeper, Jack Hanna.

Hanna the snake was acquired last month from the same private breeder who had sold the zoo her mother, Fluffy. At 24

feet, Fluffy was the longest snake in captivity when she died in October of an apparent tumor.

At 18 feet, Hanna is a little shaver compared to her mom. The zoo says a name-the-snake contest on Facebook awarded Hanna the most votes, slightly more than second-place, Fuzzy. Jack Hanna says having a namesake chokes him up.

## News Album

## Running red light leads to 500-pound marijuana bust

Police stopped a driver for running a red light and discovered more than 500 pounds of marijuana inside his minivan, authorities said on Monday.

Clement Hunter, 30, was awaiting arraignment on Monday following his arrest on drug charges, authorities said.

Hunter ran a red traffic light in the city's Queens borough early on Sunday morning and tried to evade police for several blocks, police said.

When he was pulled over, the 513 pounds of marijuana stuffed into large garbage bags was partly visible inside his minivan, police said.

He faces 50 counts of felony possession of marijuana as well as charges of reckless endangerment and fleeing officers.

## Anonymous thief pays for stolen hammer, decades later

An anonymous thief sent an envelope of cash to a family-owned supply store in western Pennsylvania to pay for a hammer stolen decades ago, one of the store owners said on Monday.

The cash arrived at Central Contractors Supply Co in Johnstown, Pa, with a handwritten note saying the hammer was stolen 25 to 30 years ago, said Lynne Gramling, who owns the store with her father. "I knew it was wrong, but I did it anyway. Enclosed is \$45 to cover the hammer plus a little extra for interest," said the unsigned letter dated 6 December. "I'm sorry I stole it, but have changed my ways."

While plenty of merchandise has disappeared since the family bought the store some 50 years ago, this is the first time anyone has paid for a stolen item, Gramling said.



A woman checks the Christmas trees made from grass in Linyi of east China's Shandong Province. 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.



Pierre Frolla, a four-time world apnea diving champion, dressed as a Santa Claus, swims with fish in an aquarium of the Oceanic Museum of Monaco.

## Fewer films eligible for 83<sup>rd</sup> best picture Oscar

LOS ANGELES, 21 Dec—Two hundred forty-eight feature films are eligible for the 2010 Academy Award for Best Picture, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Monday.

The number has decreased over the past two years: In 2009, 274 were eligible, while 281 made the cut in 2008. Like last year, 10 films will be nominated for Best Picture.

To be eligible for consideration, feature films must open in a commercial motion picture theater in Los Angeles County by

midnight 31 Dec, and begin a minimum run of seven consecutive days, the Academy said.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Academy Awards nominations will be announced live on 25 Jan. The awards will be presented 27 Feb at the Kodak Theater at Hollywood & Highland Centre, and televised live by the ABC Television Network. The event will be televised live in more than 200 countries worldwide.—Internet



American talk show host Oprah Winfrey, right, is introduced to some snakes by Bindi, centre, and Robert Irwin during the filming of Oprah's Ultimate Australian Adventure at the Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia on 14 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

## Jiang Wen to "Let the Bullets Fly" in Hollywood

BEIJING, 21 Dec—A major Hollywood studio has bought the rights to remake Jiang Wen's latest gangster movie, "Let the Bullets Fly", Chinese media reported Monday, 20 December, 2010, following a record-setting opening weekend of the film.

"It's one of Hollywood's biggest com-

panies," Yan Yunfei, the marketing director of the film, told [xxcb.com.cn](http://xxcb.com.cn), but refused to give the company's name.

Jiang Wen has been invited to direct the remake, according to Yan.

"Let the Bullets Fly" is actor-turned-filmmaker Jiang Wen's fourth directorial work.

The tensely-paced film revolves around a bloody battle of wits between a bandit and a gangster in a remote town set in 1920s China. Jiang Wen also stars in the film, along with Chow Yun-Fat, Ge You, Carina Lau, Chen Kun and Zhou Yun.

The film has won acclaims for its spellbinding story and entertaining dialogue. However, it has also attracted criticism for its violent scenes.

Xinhua



Singers Li Xiaoyun (L) and Jiang Yingrong pose at the awarding ceremony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> New Artist Awards of Top Chinese Music Chart in Beijing, Capital of China, on 19 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA



Egyptian actress Bushra poses during the red carpet closing ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> Dubai International Film Festival, on 19 December, 2010. XINHUA



Comedic actors Steve Landesberg (L), best known for his role on the television series "Barney Miller," and Billy Crystal. INTERNET

## "Barney Miller" actor Steve Landesberg dead at 65

LOS ANGELES, 21 Dec—Actor Steve Landesberg, a former stand-up comedian who starred for years on the hit television sitcom "Barney Miller," has died at age 65, his agent said on Monday.

"It is with great sadness to report the loss of my friend and client Steve Landesberg," Jeffrey Leavitt of Leavitt Talent Group said in a statement.

No further details were given. Celebrity website TMZ.com said the actor died Monday morning after battling cancer.

Born 23 November, 1945 in New York City, Landesberg began his career as a stand-up comedian and was a contemporary of top 1970s draws such as Freddie Prinze and Jimmy Walker.—Reuters

## Everton spoil City's big chance on Tevez return

MANCHESTER, 21 Dec — Tim Cahill and Leighton Baines stole the show from Carlos Tevez as 10-man Everton clinched a 2-1 victory over Manchester City at Eastlands on Monday.

David Moyes' side, who had not won in seven matches, took control within the opening 20 minutes through Cahill's early effort and a fine strike from Baines.

After Everton's Victor Anichebe was sent off for a second yellow card just before the hour, City halved the deficit through Phil Jagielka's own goal.

Despite constant pressure, City could not find an equaliser and missed out on the chance to move top of the table at Christmas for the first time in 81 years as their seven-match unbeaten run came to an end.

They also had defender



**Everton's Australian midfielder Tim Cahill (L) and Everton's American goalkeeper Tim Howard celebrate after beating Manchester City 2-1 during the English Premier League football match at The City of Manchester stadium, Manchester.**

INTERNET

Kolo Toure dismissed in stoppage time to complete a miserable evening that ruined Tevez's return to action just hours after he decided to withdraw a transfer request.

Everton's victory was just their fourth in the league this season and ended a seven-game winless run.—Internet

## SPORTS

### Celtic's South Korean stars to miss Rangers clash

GLASGOW, 21 Dec — South Korea stars Cha Du-ri and Ki Sung-yueng will miss Celtic's Old Firm clash with Rangers on 2 January because of international commitments.

Celtic manager Neil Lennon had been trying to keep the pair for an extra week so they could play in the crucial fixture against the Scottish champions at Ibrox.

But Lennon has confirmed Cha and Ki will fly

home to prepare for the Asian Cup after Celtic's Scottish Premier League clash against St Johnstone on Sunday.

Lennon said "It's a huge blow because the two of them have been very influential this season.

"Ki has made massive strides this season and Cha has been very consistent.

"They have played the majority of games so they will be a big loss."

Internet



**South Korean football star Ki Sung-Yueng, pictured, and Cha Du-ri will miss Celtic's Old Firm clash with Rangers on 2 January because of international commitments. Ki has to be at home to prepare for the Asian Cup.—INTERNET**

## Eto'o named African Footballer of the Year

JOHANNESBURG, 21 Dec — Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o was named African Footballer of the Year a record fourth time at the annual CAF awards ceremony in Cairo on Monday.

The 29-year-old native of central town Nkon



**Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o, pictured in September 2010, was named African Footballer of the Year a record fourth time at the annual CAF awards ceremony in Cairo on Monday.**

INTERNET

finished ahead of first-time finalist Asamoah Gyan of Ghana and former winner Didier Drogba of Ivory Coast in a poll among national coaches on the continent.

Eto'o, who won the most prestigious African football individual honour three years in a row from 2003, was voted the best player at the FIFA Club World Cup won by his Italian team Inter Milan last Saturday.

The Cameroonian scored a clinical, close-range second goal in a 3-0 triumph over TP Mazembe from Democratic Republic of Congo, the first African club to reach the final of the 10-year competition.

Internet

## Speed eyes Giggs coaching role

LONDON, 21 Dec — Wales manager Gary Speed admitted on Monday that he has spoken to Ryan Giggs about taking a place on his coaching staff.

Speed was appointed as John Toshack's successor last week and the former Sheffield United boss is in the process of forming his back-room team.

Manchester United midfielder Giggs, who won 64 Wales caps, is believed to be keen to go into coaching and Speed made it clear he would like to involve the 37-year-old.

Speed told BBC Sport: "It would be great to get him involved in some re-



**Wales manager Gary Speed admitted on Monday that he has spoken to Ryan Giggs about taking a place on his coaching staff.**

INTERNET

spect. I spoke to him last week and we'll have to wait and see.

"I want to bring the best people in for the sake of Welsh football.

"I want a good coach to do the day-to-day coaching sessions on the training pitch whereas I do more team shape.

Internet

## Benitez denies talk of sacking



**Inter Milan's coach Rafael Benitez, seen here on 17 December, brushed aside speculation about his future, the Spaniard stating that he still "feels like the Inter Milan coach" despite media reports here that he is set to be fired by the Italian giants.—INTERNET**

ROME, 21 Dec — Rafael Benitez on Monday brushed aside speculation about his future, the Spaniard stating that he still "feels like the Inter Milan coach" despite media reports here that he is set to be fired by the Italian giants.

Benitez looked ever

closer to the exit door Sunday after his club president Massimo Moratti blasted the former Liverpool boss for his post-Club World Cup outburst.

Having seen his side beat Congolese outfit Tout Puisse Mazembe 3-0 to win their fifth trophy of the year, Benitez launched a tirade against the powers that be at Inter.

He accused his bosses of failing to support him in the transfer market and accused the players of taking their own decisions.

He said "Now there are three roads either the club starts a project and buys four players right now in January or we continue like this with the coach who is the only person to blame or otherwise the president speaks to my agent and we find a solution."

Internet

## Cassano set to pen AC Milan deal

ROME, 21 Dec — Controversial Italian forward Antonio Cassano has reached agreement to join AC Milan after falling out of favour at Sampdoria and will sign for his new club on Tuesday, the ANSA news agency reported.

The five-million euro clause due to Real Madrid, Cassano's club from 2006-2007, which has been holding up the deal, will be jointly paid by Sampdoria, AC Milan and the player himself, according to Gazzetta dello sport.

The contract will not be filed before the official opening of the transfer



**Cassano set to pen AC Milan deal.—INTERNET** market on 2 January, but agreement has been reached allowing the player to rejoin his new team's winter training camp in Dubai on 27 December.

Cassano's arrival could herald the exit of Brazilian Ronaldinho, whose appearances for the team have become increasingly rare and could be sold to Los Angeles Galaxy.—Internet

## Dawson is next on boxer Pascal's hit list

MONTREAL, 21 Dec — Jean Pascal, who kept his World Boxing Council light heavyweight crown with a draw against American Bernard Hopkins, will fight a rematch with Chad Dawson next rather than face Hopkins again. Haitian-born Canadian Pascal said Monday that he would prefer to face Hopkins, who is a month shy of his 46<sup>th</sup> birthday and trying to become the oldest major champion in boxing history, but contracts mandate Dawson be next.

Pascal knocked down Hopkins twice, the first time the US veteran had been sent to the canvas in 16 years, but one judge scored the fight for Hopkins and two others called it a draw, allowing Pascal to keep his crown. The majority draw had Hopkins fuming, vowing to never return to Canada and that some in boxing were waiting for him to age and fade away.—Internet

## Berbatov named Bulgarian player of 2010

SOFIA, 21 Dec — Manchester United striker Dimitar Berbatov has been voted Bulgarian footballer of 2010 for a record seventh time, the Bulgarian Football Union announced on Monday.

Berbatov, 29, who last month scored an amazing five goals in Manchester United's 7-1 win over Premier League rivals

Blackburn Rovers, also won in the title in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Bulgarian Litex Lovech captain Ivelin Popov, who recently transferred to Turkey's Gaziantepspor, came second followed by Bulgarian national team and Dutch Twente goalkeeper Nikolay Mihaylov.

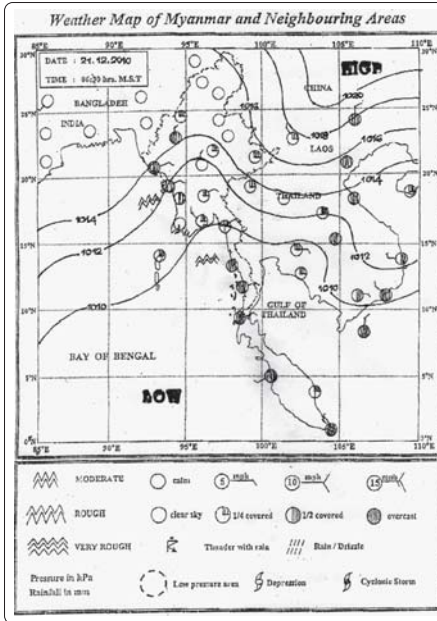
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**Manchester United striker Dimitar Berbatov has been voted Bulgarian footballer of 2010.**

INTERNET





## WEATHER

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2010**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy over Rakhine and Kayin States, Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Northern Shan State and upper Sagaing Region, (6°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Kayah and Kayin States, Taninthayi Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2°C), Mogok (2°C), Lashio (3°C) and Machanbaw (4°C).

### Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 20-12-2010 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 21-12-2010 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-12-2010 was (73%). Rainfall on 21-12-2010 was (Nil).

### Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 20-12-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 21-12-2010 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-12-2010 was (54%).

Total sunshine hours on 20-12-2010 was (9.6) hours.

Rainfall on 21-12-2010 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 (5) mph from Northeast at (09:30) hours MST on 20-12-2010.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2010:** Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy over Kayin State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair 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 Continuation of decrease night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-12-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

## Vietnam's pepper export revenue increase 23% in first 11 months

HANOI, 21 Dec— Vietnam earned 397 million US dollars from pepper export in first eleven months of this year, a year-on-year increase of 23 percent, said a report of Vietnam's General Statistics Office on Tuesday.

The country exported 112,000 tons of pepper during this period, a decrease of 11.5 percent year-on-year.

Vietnam sold 8,000 tons of tea in November alone, raking in 38 million US dollars, said the report. Vietnam's major markets for pepper in the first eleven months include the United States, Germany and the United Arab Emirates, said the report.—Xinhua



Visitors look at cars displayed at the 2010 Chinese Trade Fair in Managua, capital of Nicaragua, on 17 Dec, 2010.

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### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (22-12-2010)(Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (22-12-10 09:30 am ~ 23-12-10 09:30 am) MST

#### Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Let's Visit Flower City by Coach
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Traditional Instruments "Myanmar Harp"
- \* News
- \* The Night of Heartthrob Pho Chit
- \* News
- \* Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda) (II)

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- \* News
- \* Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda) (II)
- \* News
- \* Monastery Shwe In-Pin Kyaung
- \* A DAY IN ZALUN
- \* News
- \* Environmental Conservation from the Myanmar cultural Perspective
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Coconut Jaggery
- \* News
- \* Treasure Trove for Knowledge Seekers
- \* Myanmar Movie "Regretful Game"



**Wednesday,  
22 December  
View on today**

**7:00 am**

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw Uppata-thandi Paritta

**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

**8:10 am**

7. Cultural Dances

**8:25 am**

8. Musical Programme

**8:40 am**

9. International News

**8:45 am**

10. Teleplay (Health)

**8:50 am**

11. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

**4:00 pm**

1. Martial Song

**4:10 pm**

2. Dance Of National Races

**4:20 pm**

3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

**4:25 pm**

4. Musical Programme

**4:40 pm**

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Economics)

**4:50 pm**

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

**4:55 pm**

7. Classical Songs

**5:05 pm**

8. "ASEAN" Programmes

**5:15 pm**

9. International Science News

**5:30 pm**

10. Melody Tunes (Sogyi Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)

**6:00 pm**

11. Evening News

**6:15 pm**

12. Weather Report

**6:20 pm**

13. Traditional Boxing

**6:30 pm**

14. Documentary

**6:40 pm**

15. Shwe Yin Chone Than

**7:00 pm**

16. Ratha Pawlwin Thayokesaung Lwin Pyin (Character Contest)

**7:30 pm**

17. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe

**8:00 pm**

18. News
19. International News
20. Weather Report
21. Korea NG Award
22. TV Drama Series
23. Myanmar Video Feature

- ★ 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

## Take fire preventive measures

Whenever the open season arrives, members of fire brigade participate in activities of taking fire preventive measures in respective wards and villages and townships. They are busy with issuing fire warnings.

Fire can break out at any time. Especially, it can break out in the open season. Outbreaks of fire may be due to various reasons such as negligence, short circuit, arson, forest fire and fire broke out due to other reasons.

In November, the nation saw 52 fires. Of them, there were 46 times of negligence. It can be said that the number of outbreaks of fire due to negligence was more than others.

The Fire Services Department disseminates knowledge on

damages caused by outbreaks of fire and urges all the national people to follow fire preventive activities continuously.

In addition, the Fire Services Department is practising the system of disseminating knowledge about fire preventive measures to the students so as to mitigate outbreaks of fire.

**Article & Photo:**  
*Aung Hla Sein*

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*Chairman of Yankin Township Peace and Development Council U Win Aung, Deputy Commanding Officer U Myo Myint of Township Auxiliary Fire Battalion and members, local authorities and members of market development committee participate in putting up signboard on prevention of fire on 12 December.*

### Invitation cards for respect-paying ceremony to doyen literati available at MWJA

YANGON, 21 Dec— Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will organize respect-paying ceremony to doyen literati in commemoration of Myanmar Sarsodaw Day for 1372 ME at Yangon City Hall on 26 December.

Township WJA Chairmen and Secretaries are to draw invitation cards on behalf of the doyen literati and township WJA members at MWJA Office, No. 529, 2nd floor of Sarpay Beikman, Merchant Street, starting from 22 December.—MNA

### Football Tournament to mark Independence Day opens in Pobbathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec — The opening of Junior Open Football Tournament to mark the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day was held in the football ground of Basic Education High School in Kyidaungkan village in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District yesterday.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Tint Kyaw Lwin made an opening address and opened the tournament.

Altogether twenty-two football teams (Junior/Open) will take part in the tournament. Zigon village-tract team played against Thityakon village-tract as a debut match of the tournament. Volleyball, Sepak Takraw, badminton and track and field events will be held up to 4 January.—MNA