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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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

## Secretary-1 inspects progress of development tasks at Yangon Port area

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Dec—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo this morning inspected tasks for development of Yangon Port area.

On arrival at Asia World Ahlon Port at 10 am, the Secretary-1 was welcomed by Minister for Transport U Thein Swe,

Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, Chairman of Asia World Co U Tun Myint Naing and officials.

At the meeting hall of Asia World Ahlon Port, Chairman of Asia World Co U Tun Myint Naing reported to the Secretary-1 on paving of concrete along 4.69 miles long and 48 feet wide

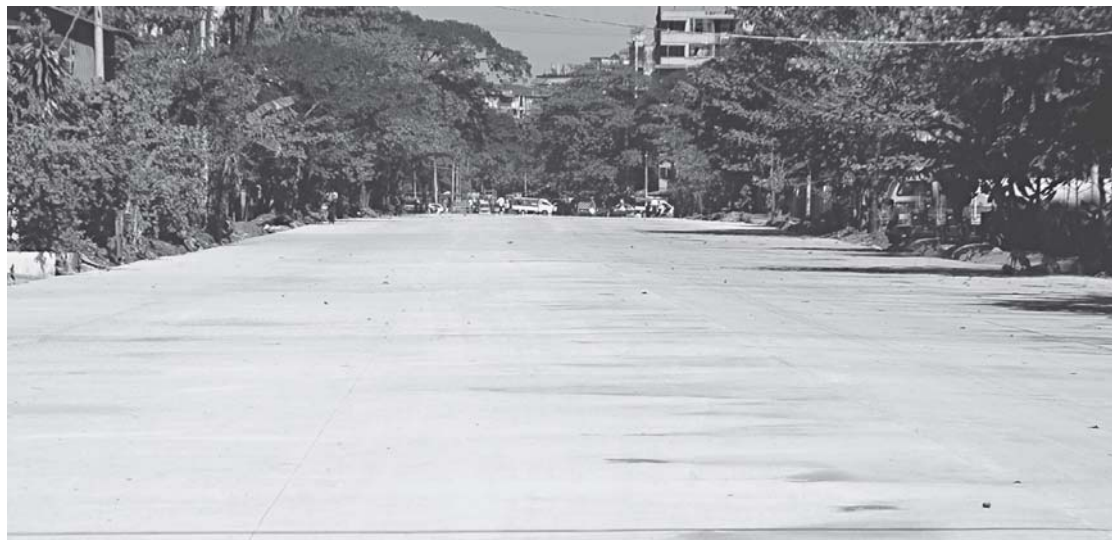
new Strand Road with six feet wide shoulders on either side from Htitan Triangular Piece of Land in Kyimyindine to Botahtaung Market Road, construction of four bridges on the motor road and three bridges across railroad, and progress in paving of basic layer along the new road in eight sections.



*Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects progress in building new Strand Road.*

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**The new Strand Road will be six-lane concrete facility to link the road sections between Botahtaung Market Road and Maha Bandoola Street, Maha Bandoola Street (Botahtaung) and Bandoola Bridge, Bandoola Bridge and Yamonna Road, Yamonna Road and Shukhintha Park Road, Shukhintha Park Road and Yadana Road, Yadana Road and Bago River Road, Bago River Road and Ayeyawun Road, Ayeyawun Road and Maungmagan Kantha Street, Maungmagan Kantha Street and No. 2 Highway.**



Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin reported on progress in upgrading of the 19.94 miles long road of section from Botahtaung Market Road by YCDC into No. 2 Highway into the six-lane facility.

Minister U Thein Swe gave an account of progress in construction of a new alignment from Htitan Triangular Piece of Land in Kyimyindine to Botahtaung Market Road between the existing Strand Road and the Yangon River with the aim of reducing traffic jams caused by lorries on the Strand Road in the future, and progress of Yangon Port development project.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Round the youth in skills and attitudes

In pursuance of the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the government is dedicating itself to onerous tasks in various fields to enable the nation to keep abreast of the international community.

Now, it is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map, mobilizing the public participation. The national goal of transforming the nation into a democratic one is within the touching distance, as a result. It is, therefore, the most opportune time for national brethren to work together with Union Spirit for development of the nation, their regions and wards.

Ensuring stability and peace is high on the government's list of priorities. It is constantly doing everything possible for improving the socio-economic life of the people. Many long- and short-term plans are ongoing with the aim of promoting the national education standard. The drive for national reconsolidation has further cemented amicable relations among national races.

The nation has seen good foundations in the political, economic and social areas necessary for sustainable stability, peace and development. The educational development of the youth and rich natural resources should be combined in an effective way so as to provide further impetus to national progress.

Teachers in the education field can be compared with gardeners under a responsibility for nurturing the flowers as they are duty-bound to sharpen the abilities of the youths. So, teachers also have to enhance Union Spirit, correct conviction and concepts of young generations and well train and guide them in order that the latter will be able to get along with others in their societies.

Besides, teachers are, whenever opportune, to arouse the youth's sense of cherishing the Union, inherited by forefathers, and admiring and valuing own culture, customs and traditions in order to bring about a growing number of youths who are well-rounded in skills and attitudes and reliable for greater development of the Myanmar society.

### Fire drill demonstrated in Tangyan

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Dec — Under the leadership of Shan State (North) Tangyan Township Peace and Development Council, fire drills were demonstrated at the Myoma Sibin Market by Township Fire Brigade on 21 December.

It was attended by Township Chairman U Nyunt Hlaing, Township Development Affairs Committee Executive Officer U Tin Maung Soe, Township Fire

Brigade In-charge Deputy Commanding Officer Kyaw Chit Maung, Market In-charge U Saw Naing and market families.

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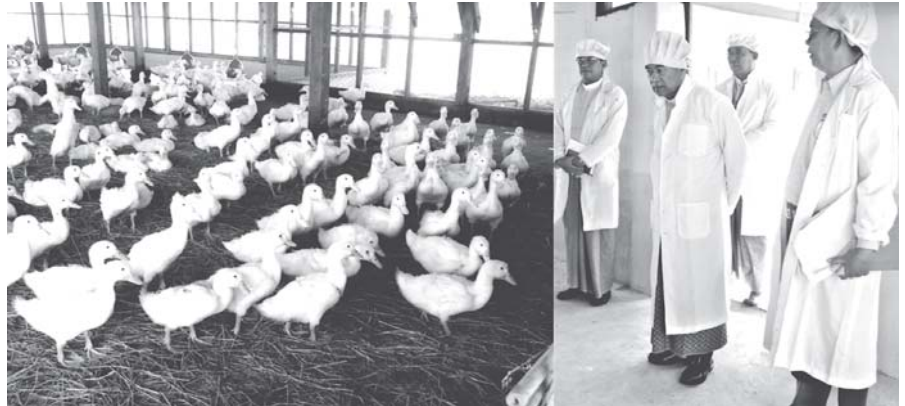
### New minimum temperature record

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Dec—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that the minimum temperature (-3.2°C) (26.2°F) observed today in Pinlaung is the new minimum temperature record of the station for the month of December during last 44 years. The former record of the station was (-2.7°C) (27.1°F) on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1975.—MNA

## Peoples' Defence

- \* 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

### L & F Minister inspects livestock farms



Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein visits duck farm in Phayagyi Village of Bago Region.—L&F

YANGON, 26 Dec — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein visited duck and fish breeding farms in Bago Region today.

During his visit to the duck farm of the Livestock Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise, the minister assisted in the duck breeding and bio-security of the farm.

The minister also inspected hatchery of fish at the fish breeding camp of the Fisheries Department.

In the afternoon, the minister went to Pynmapin Piggery in Yangon Region and inspected the farm. He also fulfilled the requirements of the farm after hearing reports presented by officials concerned.—MNA

### Prize presentation ceremony of Pyinnya Tazaung Literary contest held



Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min speaking at prize presentation of Pyinnya Tazaung Literary Contest 2010.

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YANGON, 26 Dec — The prize presentation ceremony of Pyinnya Tazaung Literary contest took place at Yankin Education College in Yankin Township here this morning, attended by

Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, directors-general and officials of departments under the Ministry of Education,

chairman and members of Pyinnya Tazaung Administration Board, director and members of Pyinnya Tazaung Project, writers, teachers

and students.

The deputy minister made an opening speech and Chairman U Than Oo of the Pyinnya Tazaung Administration Board extended greetings.

Secretary U Thung Khaing of the board presented judgement of the literary contests.

The deputy minister, the chairman and officials presented awards to winners in each category of literary contest.

On behalf of recipients, Daw Toe Toe (Daw Toe Toe-Panglong) and Ma Khine Yuya Kyaw spoke words of thanks.—MNA

### Inter-School Mini and Junior Tennis Tournament kicks off

YANGON, 26 Dec — The 14<sup>th</sup> Inter-School Mini and Junior Tennis Tournament was opened at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

Officials from Sports and Physical Education Department and No (3) Basic Education Department, President U Aung Maw Thein and executive members of Myanmar Tennis

Federation, guests and fans attended the kick-off.

The president of MTF made a speech at the opening ceremony before the debut matches played.—MNA



## 7.3 quake triggers Pacific tsunami on disaster anniversary



*Safety fences are erected around fallen bricks lay on Madras Street in central Christchurch, New Zealand, on 26 Dec, 2010 following a series of aftershocks.—INTERNET*

SYDNEY, 26 Dec—A powerful 7.3-magnitude earthquake struck off the western Pacific nation of Vanuatu on Sunday, triggering a small tsunami exactly six years after giant waves killed 220,000 people around

the Indian Ocean.

The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said the shallow quake generated a tsunami, but it cancelled a regional warning after the wave measured only 15

centimetres (six inches) higher than normal in Vanuatu.

"Sea level readings confirm that a tsunami was generated," the centre said in its bulletin.

"This tsunami may have been destructive along coastlines of the region near the earthquake epicentre," it said, but cancelled the warning when no destructive wave hit.

The quake struck at 12:16 am on Sunday (1316 GMT Saturday), and the initial tsunami warning covered Vanuatu, Fiji and the French Pacific territory of New Caledonia. There were no reports of damage or casualties.—*Internet*

## Somali pirates hijack cargo ship

NAIROBI, 26 Dec—The European Union's anti-piracy force says a Thai-owned cargo ship has been hijacked in the Arabian Sea.

The EU force says Somali pirates hijacked the *MV Thor Nexus* early Saturday about 450 nautical miles northeast of Yemen's Island of Socotra.

The *MV Thor Nexus* was headed to Bangladesh after leaving the United Arab Emirates, the EU force said in a statement. There are 27 crew members, all Thai, on board the ship, it said.

Saturday's hijacking brings to 25 the vessels held by Somali pirates, the EU force said. The pirates are also holding about 601 crew members.

Somali pirates are able to operate because of Somalia's lawlessness. The Horn of Africa nation has been without an effective government for 19 years.

*Internet*

*A pirate boat pictured in the Gulf of Aden off Somalia in 2009.*

*Somali pirates on Saturday captured a Thai bulk carrier with its 27 crew members in the Arabian Sea.*

*INTERNET*



## Troops capture militants' leader in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Dec—Afghan and NATO-led troops captured a local leader of Taliban outfit during an operation in eastern Khost Province on Saturday, the military alliance said Sunday.

"Afghan and coalition forces detained a Haqqani Network leader along with three suspected militants in a joint security operation in Khost Province yesterday," NATO said in a statement released here.

However, it failed to identify the name of the detained militant, adding the targeted individual operated in Sabari, Terayzai and Bak Districts in Khost Province.—*Xinhua*



*An Afghan man stands up after performing ablution next to a water stream outside Kabul on 23 December, 2010.*

*INTERNET*



*Pakistani paramedics treat injured victims of the suicide attack bombing outside the hospital of Khar, the main town of lawless Bajaur tribal district. More than 80 people were killed in a suicide bombing on a World Food Programme project and a series of helicopter raids against militant camps in northwestern Pakistan, officials said.—INTERNET*

## Afghan security forces detain four Taliban militants

PUL-E-ALAM, 26 Dec—Afghan security forces raided a Taliban hideout and captured four militants in Logar Province 60 km south of Kabul on Saturday, province police chief Mustafa Mohsini said.

"The troops raided a hideout of Taliban in Babush Village of provincial capital Pul-e-Alam early this morning and captured four Taliban rebels," Mohsini told *Xinhua*.

He did not provide more details.

Meantime, a Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, in talks with media via telephone from an undisclosed location, confirmed the operation but insisted all the four people detained by troops are civilians.

This is the second raid against Taliban hideouts in Pul-e-Alam over the past two days. Three more militants, according to the official, had been detained on Friday.

*Xinhua*

## Sudan says troops kill 40 Darfur rebels

KHARTOUM, 26 Dec—Sudanese government troops have killed at least 40 rebels and wounded many more in a new offensive in the country's troubled Darfur Region, a military spokesman was quoted as saying Saturday.

Capt Khalid Sawarmy said the rebels were killed during fighting on Friday night, when army forces attacked joint positions of two rebel groups — the Justice and Equality Movement and the Sudan Liberation Movement.

Three soldiers also died and 13 were wounded in the fighting, Sawarmy said, according to the official *Sudan News Agency*. He said a senior rebel from the JEM, identified as Mohamed Osman Janjaweed, was among the 40 killed.

Darfur has been in turmoil since 2003, when ethnic African rebels took up arms against the Arab-dominated government, accusing it of discrimination and neglect of their region. The UN says some 300,000 people died 2.7 million fled their homes because of the conflict.—*Xinhua*

## Six wounded in Baghdad violence

BAGHDAD, 26 Dec—Six people were wounded in bomb and gunfire attacks targeting the Iraqi police in Baghdad on Saturday, an Interior Ministry source said.

A roadside bomb struck a police patrol in Baghdad's northern District of Kadhmiyah, wounding three civilians and a policeman, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, gunmen opened fire on a police checkpoint outside a court building in Baghdad's southwestern district of Bayaa, wounding two policemen, the source said.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the last three years.—*Xinhua*



## Science



### Indian rocket blows up

SRIHARIKOTA, 26 Dec—A rocket carrying a communications satellite exploded shortly after takeoff in India Saturday, dealing a blow to the country's space programme, officials said.

The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle — GSLV-FO6 — burst into flames less than a minute after liftoff from India's spaceport at Sriharikota, *NetIndian News Network* reported.

The rocket was to have carried a 2-ton GSAT-5P communications satellite into orbit.

A successful launch would have placed India among the few nations capable of putting such large satellites in orbit. However, it became the second failure in a row, the first coming in April.

*NetIndian News* said the rocket lifted off as expected and performed normally until the second stage failed to ignite about 47 seconds into its flight and the vehicle lost altitude. It started tumbling and splashed into the sea, the network said.—*Internet*



*Visitors take photos and hold their noses as they view the *Amorphophallus titanum* plant, better known as the "Corpse Flower", as it blooms inside the Houston Museum of Natural Science in Houston on 23 July, 2010.*

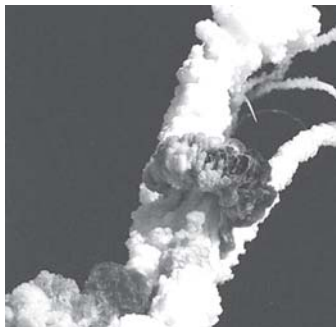
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### Gene screen could hasten vaccine search

EXETER, 26 Dec—British researchers say a new method of studying potentially deadly disease-causing bacteria could help speed up the process of developing vaccines. Scientists at the University of Exeter have developed a screening procedure that can quickly isolate and identify the virulent parts of the gene structures of pathogenic bacteria, a university release said Thursday.

The procedure allows researchers to run thousands of tests simultaneously in which genes from the pathogen are pitted against the human blood cells that normally attack them.

"By looking at the results from these tests it is possible to determine which parts of a pathogen's genetic code allow it to override immune systems," Andrea Dowling, from Exeter's Centre said. "From there we can focus in on those key areas to find out how the pathogen works and how we can develop vaccines."—*Internet*



*The Indian Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV), carrying the GSAT-5P satellite as payload, is seen moments after it exploded during launch above Sriharikota.*

INTERNET

### Indian Ocean tsunami warning system set

POTSDAM, 26 Dec—Six years after the disastrous Christmas Day tsunami in 2004, a tsunami early warning system for the Indian Ocean has been completed, researchers say.

Researchers at the GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences say the German-Indonesian Tsunami Early Warning System will generate a warning no more than 5 minutes after a submarine earthquake, based on information from 300 stations built throughout Indonesia in the past six years, a GFZ release said Thursday.

The sensing stations include seismometers, GPS stations, tide gauges and buoy systems.

The project began immediately after the 2004 disaster when the government of Germany contracted the GFZ centre to develop and implement an early warning system for tsunamis in the Indian Ocean, funded by \$59 million from the aid-for-tsunami-victims pool.

After the current project ends on 31 March, 2011, Indonesia will assume the sole responsibility for operating the overall system.—*Internet*



## Technology



### Are airport X-ray machines catching more than naked images?

WASHINGTON, 26 Dec—The full-body scanners in use at 78 US airports can detect small amounts of contraband and hidden weapons, all while producing controversial images of travelers.

The "good catches," federal officials say, have largely gone unnoticed amid the criticism that erupted over the ghostly X-rays and "enhanced" pat-downs. The Transportation Security Administration, which intensified airport screening last month, points to several successes: small amounts of marijuana wrapped in baggies, other drugs stitched inside underwear, ceramic knives concealed in shirt pockets.

But the machines could miss something far more deadly: explosive material taped to someone's abdomen or hidden inside a cavity. Researchers and security experts question the technology's

ability to detect chemical explosives that are odorless, far smaller than previous incarnations, and easily molded to fool machines and security screeners into thinking they are part of the human body.

Government testing, which has been mostly classified because of security concerns, has also raised concerns about the effectiveness of the full-body scanners.

Based partly on early successes, federal officials are planning to continue an unprecedented roll-out of the technology over the next year. By New Year's Day, about 500 machines will be in use across the country, including at the Washington area's three major airports. By the end of next year, 1,000 X-ray machines will be operational, accounting for roughly half of the nation's 2,000 lanes of security checkpoints.—*Internet*



*A man plays "The Beatles: Rock Band" game during its launch in New York, on 9 September, 2009.*

INTERNET

### Secret of Mana out in the open for iPhone

NEW YORK, 26 Dec—Square Enix has let the cat out of the bag and released *Secret of Mana*, a remake of the super popular Super Nintendo RPG, now for iPhone and iPod Touch.

The main novelty of the mobile version of the game is the new control scheme that utilizes the touch screen, making it possible for players to play the action-packed title more smoothly than before, if the publishers are to be believed.

Other than that, the graphics and sound are largely untouched and gamers can expect a faithful remake of their old much loved friend.

*Secret of Mana*, a 1993 game, was released as the sequel to *Final Fantasy*

*Adventure for the Game Boy* and is the second installment in the *Mana* video game series.

Rather than using the traditional turn-based battle system of games like *Final Fantasy*, *Secret of Mana* utilizes real-time battles akin to the *Legend of Zelda* series, also employing typical RPG elements and a unique "Ring Command" menu system.

With its brightly-coloured graphics, expansive plot, innovative cooperative multiplayer gameplay, and acclaimed soundtrack by Hiroki Kikuta, *Secret of Mana* was an influential game in its time.

You can purchase *Secret of Mana* for iPhone or iPod Touch from the App Store for \$11.99.—*Internet*



*A customer uses Google's newly released smart phone Nexus S in a Best Buy electronics store in New York, the United States, on 16 Dec, 2010. Google recently unveiled an updated version of the Android mobile operating system along with the new smart phone Nexus S running it.—INTERNET*



## Health

### Health Tip: Treating canker sores

Canker sores are small ulcers that form inside and around the mouth, often due to an injury to sensitive tissue.

The Nemours Foundation suggests how to ease pain and discomfort as canker sores heal:

- \* Use a mixture of peroxide and glycerin to clean and coat the sores.
- \* Create a homemade rinse of hydrogen peroxide and water, or one with water, baking soda and salt. These mixtures should never be swallowed.
- \* Use an over-the-counter remedy designed for these sores; many include the ingredients menthol, eucalyptol and benzocaine.
- \* Prescription medications can help treat canker sores that are severe or won't heal.—Internet



**Youthful senior couple.** A compound which acts in the opposite way as growth hormone can reverse some of the signs of aging, a research team has shown. The finding may be counter-intuitive to some older adults who take growth hormone, thinking it will help revitalize them.

INTERNET

### Fish oil won't accelerate weight loss

NEW YORK, 26 Dec—Fish oil capsules won't help boost weight loss if you're already dieting and exercising, new research in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* shows.

Among a group of overweight and obese adults enrolled in a diet and exercise programme, those who took omega-3 fatty acids didn't lose any more weight than those given placebo capsules, Dr Laura F. DeFina of The Cooper Institute in Dallas and her colleagues found.

There is evidence from animal studies that omega-3 fatty acids promote weight loss, DeFina and her team note, while studies in people have had mixed results. Because fish oil has many other potential health benefits, including cutting cholesterol, improving insulin sensitivity, and reducing blood pressure, "weight-loss programmes associated with the use of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids seemed appropriate," they write.

To investigate whether fish oil enhanced the results of a diet and exercise regime, the researchers randomly assigned 128 sedentary overweight or obese men and women to take five fish oil capsules (providing a total of three grams of omega-3 fatty acids) or five placebo capsules every day for 24 weeks.

Participants were also instructed to do 150 minutes a week of aerobic exercise and 20 to 30 minutes of strength exercises at least twice a week.—Reuters

### Flu activity low so far, but more cases to come

NEW YORK, 26 Dec—Flu activity in the United States was low this fall throughout most of the nation, but government health officials expect flu viruses will infect more people in the weeks and months to come.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention has already received several reports of flu-related deaths, including two children under the age of 5, one

from New York and one from Texas.

From 3 Oct through 11 Dec, most cases of flu occurred in the Southeast, according to this week's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, from the CDC. Of the three flu strains circulating — influenza A (H3N2), 2009 A (H1N1) and B viruses — the B virus has predominated in the southeastern states.

Flu activity last year peaked early (in late October) because of the H1N1 or so-called swine flu pandemic, but flu typically peaks in January or later, health officials noted.

The best way to prevent flu is to get a flu vaccine each year.

"Health-care providers should offer influenza vaccination throughout the influenza season to protect as many persons as possible from influenza virus infection and its complications," the report said.

Internet

**The magnetic nanoparticles transport the pathogen DNA into the detection chambers (on the right) on this plastic card. This is a prototype of the card for the fast sepsis test.**

INTERNET



## Business

### Egypt GDP growth seen 5.8-6.0 percent in fiscal 2010/11

CAIRO, 26 Dec—Egypt's gross domestic product is expected to grow by about 5.8 to 6.0 percent in the fiscal year to end-June 2011, the ruling National Democratic Party said in a statement on Saturday. The government had been predicting growth of 6 percent during the year. Its economy grew by around 7 percent in each of the three years before the global economic crisis.

Growth then slipped to 4.7 percent in 2008-09, and was 5.1 percent in 2009-10. Egypt's financial year runs from July 1 to June 30. A Reuters poll of 12 economists predicted Egypt's GDP would grow 5.4 percent in the fiscal year ending June 2011, based on the median figure. Egypt's economy is seen growing faster than all Gulf Arab states except Qatar.—Reuters

*File photo shows workers checking cars at the Seat factory in Martorell near Barcelona. Spain's auto sector, a key source of jobs, is wrapping up a disastrous year due to a slump in demand from the rest of Europe and the end of a government trade-in bonus scheme at home.—INTERNET*



### World economy can withstand \$100 oil price

CAIRO, 26 Dec—The global economy can withstand an oil price of \$100 a barrel, Kuwait's oil minister said on Saturday, as other exporters indicated OPEC may decide against increasing output through 2011 as the market was well supplied.

Analysts have said oil producing countries are likely to raise output after crude rallied more than 30 percent from a low in May because they fear prices could damage economic growth in fuel importing countries.

European benchmark ICE Brent crude for February closed at \$93.46 on Friday after hitting \$94.74 a barrel, its highest level since October 2008.

Arab oil exporters meeting in Cairo this weekend said they saw no need to



**Abbas Naqi, secretary general of Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), speaks to the media before the start of meeting in Cairo on 25 December, 2010.—INTERNET**

supply more crude as stocks were high and prices had been inflated temporarily by cold weather in Europe.

Asked by Reuters if the world economy could stand a \$100 oil price, Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad al-Abdullah al-Sabah said: "Yes it can."

Iraq's new oil minister and the head of Libya's National Oil Corporation both told Reuters that \$100 was a fair price, while Qatar's Minister Abdullah al-Attiyah said he did not expect OPEC to increase production in 2011.—Reuters

### China raises mortgage rates in line with interest rates

BEIJING, 26 Dec—China raised mortgage rates by 25 basis points on Sunday, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development said, the second increase this year, after benchmark interest rates increased on Saturday.

After Sunday's move, the rate for mortgage loans longer than 5 years will be 4.30 percent, and 3.75 percent for those of five years and shorter.

China's central bank raised interest rates by 25 basis points on Saturday, the second time in just over two months, in a bid to contain the country's stubbornly high inflation. "This will further increase the cost of home purchases and will, to some extent, curb investment demand in the property market," the official Xinhua news agency cited Chen Ming, marketing chief of real estate 5i5j, as saying.

Reuters

## Major winter storm barrels up East Coast

NASHVILLE, 26 Dec—A winter storm that brought a rare white Christmas to parts of the South barreled up the East Coast on Saturday night, with forecasters predicting 6 to 10 inches of snow Sunday for Washington and blizzard conditions for New York City and the New Jersey shore.

Virginia and North Carolina declared states of emergency as crews tried to clear snowy and icy highways. Authorities in Mid-Atlantic states spent Christmas Day preparing for up to a foot of snowfall. And airlines began cancelling flights in the Northeast corridor before the intensifying storm descended on the region.

The storm was already scrambling the plans of holiday travellers along the Eastern Seaboard. Motorists will be facing treacherous road conditions in many states Sunday with blowing snow and low visibility, and the snow is likely to strand many air travellers.

Continental Airlines cancelled 250 departures from Newark Liberty International Airport outside New York City. United Airlines announced late Saturday that it had canceled 61 Sunday departures from Newark,



*A road grader pushes snow and ice to the side of the Hudson Memorial river bridge in Decatur, Ala on Christmas morning, on 25 Dec, 2010. Residents of Decatur awoke to a rare Christmas morning snow.—INTERNET*

Philadelphia, New York's LaGuardia and JFK, Boston, Bradley International in Connecticut, Providence, Albany International and Manchester Boston Regional Airport.—Internet

## Traffic improves at Paris airport after snow snarl

PARIS, 26 Dec—Air traffic is improving at Paris' main airport, where hundreds spent the night on terminal floors and personnel handed out Christmas puppets and chocolates to stranded families.

Snowfall and severe shortages of deicing fluid meant hundreds of flights were cancelled at Charles de Gaulle Airport and some other European airports Friday, leaving travellers stuck at the start of the holiday weekend.

Sunny skies and two shipments of deicing fluid from the United States helped Charles de Gaulle get back to what the airport authority called "normal" flight schedules Saturday. Screens showed only a few delays. Children who had to stay in the terminals overnight clutched puppets they were given by airport staff.—Internet



*Planes are seen on the snow covered tarmac at the Charles-de-Gaulle Roissy Airport, near Paris, on 24 Dec, 2010. The civil aviation authority asked Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport to cancel 20 percent of flights because of snow.—INTERNET*

*The owner of the Banadir telecom centre in Rotterdam, stands in his shop after Dutch authorities searched the place as they investigate following the arrests of twelve Somalis suspected of involvement in terrorist activities.*

INTERNET



## Armed man at Mormon temple killed in Utah shootout

AMMAN, 26 Dec—A man armed with a shotgun outside a Mormon temple near Salt Lake City was shot and killed by police Christmas Day, a television station reported Saturday. The man had been in an altercation with another man in the parking lot outside the Oquirrh Mountain Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

day Saints in South Jordan, Fox13 said.

The confrontation began about 12:30 pm. Police arrived shortly afterward and repeatedly ordered the shotgun-toting man to drop the weapon, South Jordan police Lt Dan Starks said.

When he refused, one officer opened fire, Starks said. "Officers obviously wanted him to stop. They were fearing

for their own safety as well as the safety of those individuals that were here on site already," Starks told the television station. "He failed to comply with that so he was shot. Unfortunately, it killed him."

Officers found numerous weapons, including guns, swords and ammunition, inside the dead man's car, Starks said.—Internet

## Christmas attacks kill at least 38 in Nigeria

Jos, (Nigeria) 26 Dec—A series of unprecedented Christmas Eve bomb blasts and attacks on churches have left at least 38 people dead in Nigeria as authorities worked Saturday to keep the violence from spreading.

Seven explosions went off in two different areas of the flashpoint city of Jos in central Nigeria, killing 32 people and injuring 74, many of them as they were doing their Christmas shopping, police said.

In the city of



*Borno state governor Ali Modu Sheriff (in white kaftan) and an army captain inspect the charred remains of a car outside a Victory Baptist church in Alamderi neighbourhood of the northern Nigerian city of Maiduguri.—INTERNET*

Maiduguri in northern Nigeria, suspected members that launched an uprising last year attacked three churches,

leaving six people dead and one of the churches burnt, an army spokesman said.

Internet

## Rotterdam police arrest 12 Somali terror suspects

THE HAGUE, 26 Dec—Twelve men of Somali origin have been arrested in the Dutch port city of Rotterdam on suspicion of involvement in terrorist activities, the Netherlands prosecution service said on Saturday.

The men were arrested late Friday following a tip-off by Dutch intelligence "that a number of Somalis wanted to commit a terrorist attack in the Netherlands in the near future," a statement said.

The suspects are aged between 19 and 48. Six lived in Rotterdam, five had no known address and one was a Danish resident.

"They are of Somali origin, but several of them have Dutch nationality and one of them has Danish nationality," prosecution spokesman Wim de Bruin said. "We have not yet determined the nationality of some of them."

Internet

## West Bank reports first A/H1N1 case in months

RAMALLAH, 26 Dec—Palestinian Health Ministry recorded the first case of A/H1N1 virus in the Palestinian territories in months, an official said on Saturday.

A woman in her 20s was diagnosed with the influenza in the West Bank city of Hebron, said As'ad Al-Ramlawi, director of Primary Health Care at the Health Ministry.

He added that the woman was in stable condition. When the disease spread worldwide in 2009, nine people died in the West Bank and about 1,200 infected persons have recovered, according to Al-Ramlawi.

MNA/Xinhua



## Information Minister attends Myanmar Sarsodaw (Literati)...

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This was followed by the respect-paying ceremony at which Minister U Kyaw Hsan and members and those present paid respects to doyen literati in line with the Myanmar traditions.

After that, Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented K 30,000 each donated by the State Peace and Development Council,

K 50,000 each donated by the USDP and K 120,000 each donated by MWJA totaling K 200,000 each to doyen literati Daw Kyan (Ma Kyan), U Maung Maung Khin (Tekkatho Maung Maung Khin), U Chan Aye (Maung Su San), U Thet Tun (Retd Ambassador), U Kyaw Hsan (Thu Khi Aung), U Tin Maung (Theippan Hmu Tin), Col Saw Myint (Retd) (Hmu Thamein), U Kyi Aye (Hsinbyugyun Aung Thein), U Htay Maung (Htay Maung), Dr Khin Maung Nyunt, U Hla Kyaing (Paragu), U Hla

Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Thakhin Hla Kun (Monyo), Col Khin Maung Aye (Retd) (Khin Maung Aye-Mandalay), Bogalay Tint Aung, U Kyaw Win (101 Kyaw Win Maung), U Maung Galay (Thaukkya Maung Galay) and U Chit Hlaing (Ko Ko Maung Gyi).

Afterwards, Sports Minister Thura U Aye Myint, Vice-Mayor U Maung Pa, Members of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung, departmental officials of the

*Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents gift to doyen literati at the ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati.*

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*Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan and those present pay respects to doyen literati.*

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Ministry of Information and the chairman of the MWJA presented cash and kind to the doyen literati.

On behalf of the doyen literati, Sayagi U Htay Maung (Htay Maung) gave

admonition.

On behalf of the MWJA, Joint-Secretary-3 of MWJA U Aung Thein Win (Maung Khaing Khant) spoke words of thanks to the government, departments and wellwishers for their contributions to the ceremony to pay respects to the doyen literati. He also thanked the Union Solidarity and Development Party for

*Member U Hla Myint Oo of CSSTB presents gift to doyen literati.*

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the donation of K 50,000 each to the doyen literati totalling K6,750,000 and K 50,000 each to 43 doyen musicians totalling K2,150,000 in accordance with the party's policy of supporting the literati and artists for the development of their socio-economic life and their world. He also expressed his delights on behalf of MWJA as the party is committed to cooperate with the literatis and artisties and to contribute cash to their welfare.

After the ceremony, Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted the doyen literati.

Out of 138 doyen literati, 86 attended the ceremony, and members of the central executive committee of MWJA will pay respects to the doyen literati who were not present at the ceremony door to door.

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*Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects progress in construction of new Strand Road.—MNA*

## Secretary-1 inspects progress of ...

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After giving necessary instructions, the Secretary-1 stressed the need to place emphasis on betterment of basic layer for the new Strand Road to prevent water seepage into it as cargo trucks will drive on it. He said that it is necessary to systematically calculate curves in the road for convenient driving of trucks, to focus on traffic safety for pedestrians and to hold coordination meeting on timely completion of new road construction project among the departments concerned.

After looking into construction of the new Strand Road from Htitan Triangular Piece of Land in Kyimyindine to Botahtaung Market Road, the Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions.

The road section from Forest Road to Botahtaung Market Road of the new Strand Road which is 4.69 miles long from Htitan Triangular Piece of Land to Botahtaung market Road is being upgraded to the 48 feet wide four-lane new Strand Road with 30 feet wide traffic island and six feet wide pedestrian ways on both sides. The area of new Strand Road includes the railroad.

The new Strand Road will be six-lane concrete facility to link the road sections between Botahtaung

Market Road and Maha Bandoola Street, Maha Bandoola Street (Botahtaung) and Bandoola Bridge, Bandoola Bridge and Yamonna Road, Yamonna Road and Shukhintha Park Road, Shukhintha Park Road and Yadana Road, Yadana Road and Bago River Road, Bago River Road and Ayeyawun Road, Ayeyawun Road and Maungmagan Kantha Street, Maungmagan Kantha Street and No. 2 Highway.

Upon completion of the new road facility, commodities can be transported by trucks to upper Myanmar along No. 2 Highway, and to Ayeyawady Region along new Strand Road, Lower Kyimyindine Street and Bayintnaung Bridge.—MNA

## River Crossing Suspensions under construction for Hlinethaya-Ahlon power grid

**YANGON, 26 Dec**—At the hall of Ahlon Power Station on 24 December morning, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint heard reports on facts about project for construction of Hline River Crossing Suspension for Hlinethaya-Ahlon 230KV power grid across Hline River, drilling of

bored piles, and preparations for foundation designs presented by Deputy Chief Engineer U Nay Aung Ye Myint of Bridge Construction Project Special Group (1) of Public Works. The deputy chief engineer reported on construction for four pile caps for River Crossing Suspension No. 2 (RCS-2) on the bank of

Ahlon, land preparations for River Crossing Suspension No. 1 on the bank of Seikkyi, and progress of works.

At the RCS-2 construction site, the minister gave instructions on use of project materials meeting set standards, timely completion of works and worksite safety.—MNA



*Minister Thura U Aye Myint presents cash and kind to a doyen literati. (News on page 7)*

MNA

## MOFA's English proficiency course concludes

**NAY PYI TAW, 26 Dec**—The Staff Upgrading Intensive English Course No. 1/2010 concluded at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, on 23 December.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win delivered an address.

Departmental heads presented completion certificates to the trainees.—MNA

*Minister U Nyan Win speaking at concluding ceremony of Staff Upgrading Intensive English Course.*

MNA



## Children's painting contest on 4<sup>th</sup> January

**YANGON, 26 Dec**—In commemoration of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day 2011, the children's painting contest will be held at Seinlan Sopyay Garden on Inya Road in Kamayut Township from 9 am to 3 pm on 4 January 2011.

The contest will be cat-

egorized into kindergarten, primary and middle school levels. Special, first, second and third prizes will be presented to the winners. Competition fee is K 1000 per contestant. Each and every contest will be participated fifteen children. The theme of painting contest is "Cherish environment".—MNA



## Education Minister observes English, Maths skill contests

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Dec— Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein this morning encouraged the students partaking in Basic/Middle Education Level Maths and English Skill Contests at No. 5 Basic Education High School and No. 6 BEHS here.

The minister met the teachers who were in-

charge of the contests and parents of the students.

To promote educational knowledge in English and Maths, since 2008-2009 Academic Year, English and Maths Skill Contests from basic level at school level, Township level, State/Region level have been held. Each student who stands first in the contests

has a chance to compete in the central level contest.

In this academic year, each of five students from Standard-IV in Basic Level and Standard-V, VI, VII and VIII in Middle Level from states and regions participated in the Maths and English Skill Contests.—MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein views students at Third Basic Education Primary and Middle School Level English and Maths Skill contest at Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No. 5.—MNA

## F & R Minister inspects banking services in Yangon

YANGON, 26 Dec— Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun inspected banking services in the Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) in Yankin Township, here on 24 December. The minister also inspected Customs Department in Ahlon Township and left necessary instructions.

After that, the minister looked into Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank, renovation of building in Myanmar Insurance and banking services of Myanmar



Economic Bank, and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun inspects Branch (3) of MEB and Savings Bank Branch (2).—F&R

## Laymyethna tarred road opened

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Dec—As a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day, the opening of Laymyethna tarred road in Ward (1), Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Region, was held at the archway of the road this morning.

Executive Officer of Mahlaing Township Development Affairs Committee U Ye Naing presented facts about the road.

Deputy Superintending Engineer of Mandalay Region Development Affairs Committee U Min Aung Myint Soe and townselder U Ko Ko Aung formally opened the road.

The 1320 feet long and 12 feet wide road was built at a cost of K 8.23 million contributed by the township DAC.

MNA

## Energy Minister inspects drilling of deep test well No. 1 in Maubin (South)



Minister for Energy U Lun Thi looks into deep test well No. 1 in Maubin (South).—ENERGY

YANGON, 26 Dec— Minister for Energy U Lun Thi inspected drilling and exploration of oil and gas from deep test well No.1 in Maubin (South) region in Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall, the officials reported to the minister on drilling and exploration of oil and gas in the region. The minister on his part said that oil

and gas were discovered at first deep test well No.1 at a depth of over 9,000 feet. The region has potential for new oil fields and all staffs are to make efforts for drilling the new deep wells on schedule, he added. The minister set the future tasks. Then, he inspected the Maubin (South) deep test well No.1. The new test well can produce 1.2 million cubic feet of natural gas and three barrels of condensate a day. The gas can be used in fertilizer

factories and CNG cars.

In addition to Maubin (South) region, arrangements are being taken to drill and explore more wells in Myinkagon and Kyunmyogyi regions about 40 miles to the south of Nyaungdon oil and gas fields that are currently producing condensate and natural gas on a commercial scale. According to the seismic survey, the regions have many prospects for production of oil and gas.

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## Victorious Myanmar Universities Sport Contingent honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Dec—A ceremony to honour victorious Myanmar Universities Sport Contingent was held at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road, here, yesterday evening. It was attended by Chairman of Sports plus Education Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, directors-general of the Departments under the Ministry of Education, officials, and athletes.

The deputy minister delivered a speech. Team leader in-charge rector U Hsan of Dagon University recounted the experiences.

Attendees were served with a dinner and entertained with songs by Yangon University Arts Association. Myanmar Universities Sports Contingent took part in the 15th ASEAN University Games in Chiang Mai of Thailand.—MNA

## Semifinals of C-in-C's Cup football tourney played

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Dec — Southern Command team beat Central Command team 2-0 and Yangon Command team won over Nay Pyi Taw Command team (A) 6-5 in semifinals of 49th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Cup Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament, played at No (1) Sports Ground and Paunglaung Sports Ground here this afternoon.—MNA



Photo taken on 25 December, 2010, shows the landslide scene in San Gerardo, Colombia. Rescuers have recovered 13 bodies while 30 remain injured following landslides in southwest Colombia due to weeks of heavy rains.—XINHUA

## Britain 'mulls law to fine airports after Heathrow chaos'

LONDON, 26 Dec — Britain wants to introduce new laws which could see airports heavily fined for disrupting passengers' travel in the wake of the pre-Christmas snow

chaos that hit London Heathrow, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Regulators would be given new powers to fine airports tens of millions of pounds after arctic weather all but shut

down Heathrow for several days, reported Britain's *Sunday Times*, citing Transport Minister Philip Hammond.

Hammond said it was unacceptable that BAA, the Spanish-owned operator of Heathrow which is the world's busiest airport for international passenger traffic, would face no punishment from the regulator under the current system.

"There should be an economic penalty for service failure," he said. "Greater weight needs to be given to performance and passenger satisfaction."

Internet



A snow plough is driven on the second runway, in an attempt to get it operational again, at Heathrow Airport, west of London, on 21 December, 2010.

INTERNET

## Nepal to distribute machine readable passport

KATHMANDU, 26 Dec — The Nepali Ministry of Foreign Affairs is all set to distribute the machine readable passport (MRP) from Sunday by distributing the diplomatic passports to the distinguished personalities first.

The ministry said the MRP will be first provided to President Ram Baran Yadav amidst a function Sunday morning.

For the first round of the distribution, MRPs will be provided to the President, the Vice-President, the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice and the Chairman of the Constituent Assembly.

After distributing the MRPs to the distinguished persons, it will be distributed to all commoners in from the Central Passport Office, Narayanhi in Kathmandu.

Chief of the Passport Office, Bharat Poudel said the MRP generally provided in six months after application can be provided in a week but with extra charge. The ministry is planning to distribute the MRPs from all three districts of the Kathmandu Valley after some days.—Xinhua



Students from Egypt practise sense of balance of acrobatics at Wuqiao acrobatic art school in Wuqiao County, north China's Hebei Province, on 23 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA

A man walks past a shop offering huge discounts in downtown Sydney. Hundreds of keen shoppers queued outside Australia's major department stores for special pre-dawn opening hours, lured by massive markdowns on white goods, electricals and clothing.

INTERNET

## China's industrial value-added output expected to rise 15% in 2010

BEIJING, 26 Dec—China's industrial value-added output is expected to expand 15 percent year on year in 2010, according to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), Saturday.

The information came from a national meeting on industrial and information work held in Beijing. China's industrial value-added output this year is expected to hit 15.5 trillion yuan (2.33 trillion US dollars), up from 7.72 trillion yuan in 2005, which would mean an average yearly growth of 11.3 percent from 2005 to 2010.

China plans to raise its industrial value-added output in 2011 by 11 percent year on year, according to discussions at the meeting.

China's industrial value-added output expanded 11 percent in 2009.

MNA/Xinhua

## 34 killed in road accident in northern India

NEW DELHI, 26 Dec — Thirty-four people were killed when their mini-truck overturned and was hit by a bus in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh on Saturday night, reported the *Indo-Asian News Service Sunday*.

At least 12 others were also injured in the incident took place in Uttar Pradesh's Badaun District, said the report quoting police sources.

Thirty-three men of a funeral

procession and the driver of the bus have been killed. The people riding the truck were returning to their native places in Ujhani after performing the last rites of a dead man on the Kachla ghat (river bank) in Badaun, said the report.

Road accident rate in India is among the highest in the world, with at least 100,000 killed each year on the road.—Xinhua

Workers prepare shark fins for sale in Hong Kong. Hong Kong was the largest importer of shark fin globally in 2007, buying about 277 million US dollars worth of fins, or 10,209 tonnes, according to United Nations figures.

INTERNET



## Bombing wounds 11 at Christmas Mass in Philippines

MANILA, 26 Dec — A bomb exploded during Christmas Day Mass at a chapel inside a police camp in the volatile southern Philippines, wounding a priest and 10 churchgoers.

The device was hidden in a ventilation window near the ceiling of the chapel, which is on the compound where the provincial police office is located in Jolo town on Jolo Island, Sulu provincial police said.

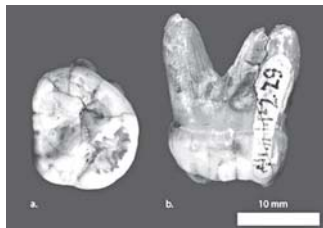
The island is a stronghold of al-Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf militants, but it wasn't clear who was responsible for the bombing. Investigators recovered parts of a cell phone they believe detonated the device.

All of the wounded were civilians. One woman remained at a hospital for observation later Saturday, but police said one did not need hospital treatment and the others have been treated and sent home.—Internet





## DNA says new human relative roamed widely in Asia



*This undated photo provided by the journal Nature shows two views of an upper molar tooth found in a Siberian cave from a recently discovered relative of humans that lived more than 30,000 years ago.—INTERNET*

NEW YORK, 26 Dec—Scientists have recovered the DNA code of a human relative recently discovered in Siberia, and it delivered a surprise: This relative roamed far from the cave that holds its only known remains.

By comparing the DNA to that of modern populations, scientists found

evidence that these “Denisovans” from more than 30,000 years ago ranged all across Asia. They apparently interbred with the ancestors of people now living in Melanesia, a group of islands northeast of Australia.

There’s no sign that Denisovans mingled with the ancestors of people now living in Eurasia, which made the connection between Siberia and distant Melanesia quite a shock.

It’s the second report in recent months of using a new tool, genomes of ancient human relatives, to illuminate the evolutionary history of humankind. In May, some of the same scientists reported using the Neanderthal genome to show that Neanderthals interbred with ancestors of today’s non-African populations. That might have happened in the Middle East after the ancestors left Africa but before they entered Eurasia, researchers said.—*Internet*



*A loader clears a path as trucks are blocked along a snow covered road at Raillencourt near Cambrai, after heavy snow fell in northern France on 24 December, 2010.*

XINHUA

## Quadriplegics to be able to use computers

BUFFALO, 26 Dec—University at Buffalo classmates say they developed software enabling quadriplegics and others to type, surf the Web, listen to music and play computer games.

Austin Miller, Robert Rodenhuis, Leonard Story Jr and Matthew Taylor, classmates in a computer engineering class at the University at Buffalo, developed OmniSwitch, which enables people with limited mobility to use a computer using a single button or switch.

Working with the Applied

Sciences Group in Buffalo, NY, the students are developing the software for disabled veterans at the Spinal Cord Injury center at the James A Haley Veterans’ Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

A second UB team, computer science master’s students Ari Fogel and Praneeta Prakash, is working with ASG to develop a speech-generating software system that will enable non-verbal veterans to communicate with each other and caregivers; e-mail; text message; call friends via Skype; and complete tasks such as controlling the lights or TV via computer.—*Internet*

## IBM offers glimpse into the future



*Air-powered batteries, 3-D cellphones that project holograms and personalized commutes are among the predictions of IBM scientists gazing into their crystal balls.—INTERNET*

WASHINGTON, 26 Dec—Air-powered batteries, 3-D cellphones that project holograms and personalized commutes are among the predictions of IBM scientists gazing into their crystal balls.

The US computer giant this week released its annual “Next Five in Five” list of five innovations expected over the next five years.

Among the predictions are advances in transistors and battery technology that “will allow your devices to last about 10 times longer than they do today,” IBM said.

Today’s lithium-ion batteries could be replaced by batteries “that use the air we breathe to react with energy-dense metal, eliminating a key inhibitor to longer lasting batteries,” IBM said. “If successful, the result will be a lightweight, powerful and rechargeable battery capable of powering everything from electric cars to consumer devices.

“Better yet, in some cases, batteries may disappear altogether in smaller devices,” IBM said, by reducing the amount of energy per transistor to less than 0.5 volts and relying on a technique known as “energy scavenging.”—*Internet*



*Residents take a break after scavenging for reusable materials from their burnt houses near Muntinlupa City, south of Manila, Philippines, 24 Dec, 2010 after a fire hit the residential area overnight.—XINHUA*

## French smartphone users get holiday gift — their phones



*A man looking at a mobile phone store display in Tunis.*

INTERNET

PARIS, 26 Dec— Some French smartphone users are getting an unexpected holiday gift this year — their handsets — as a tax hike allows them to get out of their service contracts and keep their subsidised phone.

Analysts say the development is a disaster for France’s main mobile operators and could lead to a major shake-up in the market if users move to lower-priced virtual operators.

French telecommunications companies have been pushed by the EU and French government to end lower value added tax (VAT) charges for Internet services, which some mobile operators have applied to some smartphone contracts.

These customers may now escape their one- or two-year contracts under which they received their smartphones at a heavily discounted price thanks to French consumer protection laws.—*Internet*

## Strong franc tests Swiss nerves

GENEVA, 26 Dec—Switzerland’s strong currency is a boon for travelling Swiss bargain hunters or those surfing online shops abroad while its healthy economic indicators would be the envy of debt-plagued major economies.

Yet although the local business community is well worn to the refuge currency’s lure in times of crisis, its nerve was being tested as the franc rose to new highs against the euro, pound and dollar at the end of 2010.

“It’s not a nightmare but it’s a risk factor for the dynamics of the Swiss economy,” the head of economic policy at the Economy Ministry, Aymo Brunetti said.

The British pound has lost 40 percent of its value against the Swiss franc in the space of three years, while the euro touched new lows of 1.25 Swiss francs over the Christmas period after plunging nearly 15 percent in 2010.

Meanwhile the dollar has fallen by

about 20 percent in a helter skelter ride since the financial crisis bit in 2008. By late December, the US currency was changing hands for less than one Swiss franc, compared to peaks of 1.80 in 2001.—*Internet*

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INTERNET



## Architect vanished after drink at pub

BRISTOL, 26 Dec—A British architect who vanished after having a drink with colleagues at a Bristol pub must have been the victim of foul play, her parents said on Thursday. David and Theresa Yeates begged for information on their daughter's whereabouts, *The Independent* reported.

"I just want her back, wherever she is," Theresa Yeates said, crying. "Jo, my little Jo, come back and, if anybody has got her, give her back to us." Joanna Yeates, 25, left the Ram Pub at about 8 pm on 17 Dec and stopped a few minutes later to buy a pizza at a supermarket. Investigators found her keys, cellphone and coat in her apartment but no sign of the pizza, although they did find a receipt for it.— *Internet*



**A Shandong Airlines flight from Jinan, in eastern China, arrives at Beijing International Airport. Shandong Airlines said on Friday it plans to buy 15 Boeing passenger planes worth up to 1.2 billion US dollars amid fast-growing demand for air travel in the Asian country.— *INTERNET***

## Airline first to turn cattle class into cuddle class with beds

WELLINGTON, 26 Dec— "Cattle class" economy seats could soon give way to "cuddle class" for long-haul air passengers. Air New Zealand has taken delivery of the first passenger plane with a radically redesigned interior, allowing economy class seats to be turned into beds. The idea is that two passengers

travelling together buy their seats at full price, around 1000 euro one way from Auckland to London, or 1,650 euro return, then pay about half price for a third seat in the same row.

By retracting the armrests and raising footrests, the three seats convert into what the airline calls a Skycouch, on which the two passengers can stretch out during the flight.

A Skycouch for two would cost around 2680 euro one way or 4,100 euro return. The first redesigned plane has 22 sets of convertible seats in the first 11 rows in the

economy class cabin of a Boeing 777-300ER.

Industry commentators have nicknamed the development "cuddle class", and New Zealand's national carrier is negotiating with up to 30 other airlines interested in licensing the design.

*Internet*

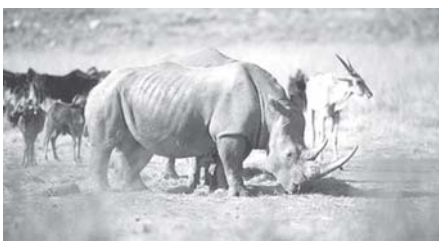
## Going natural, more Americans choose herbal Chinese medicine

LOS ANGELES, 26 Dec— While the world is turning to green energy, there is a trend in the United States to take "green medicine." "Green medicine," which refers to herbal and Chinese medicine, has be-

come another choice for Americans to keep them healthy, said Dr Simon Barker, President of the California Naturopathic Doctors Association. "I have definitely seen an increase of Americans who turn to naturopathic doctors and medicine to solve their health problems," Barker said in a recent interview with *Xinhua*.

According to Barker, naturopathic medicine includes traditional Chinese medicine, such as herbal medicine, natural treatment and acupuncture, although he said there are different ways to use herbal medicine for treatment from Europe, Mideast and Asia.

*Xinhua*



**In a picture taken on July 2010 a rhinoceros grazes in a private Rhino reserve in Johannesburg. A booming black-market demand for rhinoceros horns is driving a lucrative new wave of high-tech poaching that threatens the fight to save the world's rhino populations from extinction.— *INTERNET***

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## China, Jordan sign \$4.5m agreement

AMMAN, 26 Dec—Jordan and China on Saturday signed an economic and technical cooperation agreement under which China provides the Arab kingdom with 4.5 million US dollars to implement development projects.

The agreement was signed by Jordan's Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Jafar Hassan and China's Deputy Minister of Commerce Chen Jian, who was in Jordan for an official visit.

Hassan commended the bilateral distinguished tie, voicing thanking and appreciation for the grant from the Chinese Government, according to a statement issued by the ministry.

The minister stressed Jordan's keenness to develop ties with China, adding that the bilateral ties witness distinguished development in all political, economic and cultural fields.

The minister added that the signing of the agreement represents the two countries' keenness to foster bilateral ties in different fields, especially in light of current regional and international circumstances.

The Chinese official expressed China's commitment to continue to provide technical and financial support to Jordan in different fields.

According to the ministry, China's support to Jordan in loans and grants from 2009 to 2010 stood at 119.5 million US dollars. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Anonymous thief pays for stolen hammer, decades later

PITTSBURGH, 26 Dec— 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. Gramling took the money to a nearby shopping

mall, where her father was volunteering as a Salvation Army bell ringer. "I went up and dropped the money in his kettle," she said, adding that the money was "really a lot more than a hammer would cost." "He was very generous," she said.— *Internet*



**Snow covers a street near the Atomium in Brussels, Belgium, early 24 Dec, 2010.— *INTERNET***

## New solar fuel machine 'mimics plant life'

LONDON, 26 Dec— A prototype solar device has been unveiled which mimics plant life, turning the Sun's energy into fuel. The machine uses the Sun's rays and a metal oxide called ceria to break down carbon dioxide or water into fuels which can be stored

and transported. Conventional photovoltaic panels must use the electricity they generate in situ, and cannot deliver power at night.

Details are published in the journal *Science*. The prototype, which was devised by researchers in the US and Switzerland, uses a quartz window and cavity to concentrate sunlight into a cylinder lined with cerium oxide, also known as ceria. Ceria has a natural propensity to exhale oxygen as it heats up and inhale it as it cools down. If as in the prototype, hydrogen and/or water are pumped into the vessel, the ceria will rapidly strip the oxygen from them as it cools, creating hydrogen and/or carbon monoxide.— *Internet*



**In the prototype, sunlight heats a ceria cylinder which breaks down water or carbon dioxide.— *INTERNET***



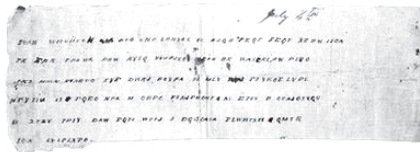
## Civil War message opened, decoded: No help coming

A glass vial stopped with a cork during the Civil War has been opened, revealing a coded message to the desperate Confederate commander in Vicksburg on the day the Mississippi city fell to Union forces 147 years ago.

The dispatch offered no hope to doomed Lt Gen John C Pemberton: Reinforcements are not on the way. The encrypted, 6 line message was dated 4 July, 1863, the date of Pemberton's surrender to Union

forces led by Ulysses S Grant, ending the Siege of Vicksburg in what historians say was a turning point midway into the Civil War. The message is from a Confederate commander on the west side of the Mississippi River across from Pemberton.

"He's saying, 'I can't help you. I have no troops, I have no supplies, I have no way to get over there,'" Museum of the Confederacy collections manager Catherine M Wright said of the author of the dispiriting message.



*In this 14 Jan, 2009 image shows a Civil War bottle with a message that was tucked inside at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va. The message to Lt Gen John C Pemberton says reinforcements will not be arriving. The encrypted dispatch was dated on 4 July, 1863—the date of Pemberton's surrender to Union forces led by Ulysses S Grant in what historians say was a turning point in the war.*

## A pampered posh pig: nannies, massages, own rooms

Li Yuan never thought a pig could bring so much happiness - a laid-back sort that enjoys music, provides company on neighbourhood strolls and makes friends easily.

Two years ago, Li bought the piglet from a market in Beijing. The male pig, a Bama miniature, had a short and round body.

Such piglets typically weigh 15 or 20 kg, or 33 to 44 lb. It was the pig's certain charm that sealed the sale.

"I found him looking like a lovely baby at my first glance," said Li, patting the pig's now-huge belly. "Oh, my boy, you are destined to meet me."

Told that raising a pig when she was in her 50s could bring good fortune, Li cherished the pig so much she named him Laifu (or "fortune comes").



*Laifu greets a neighbour during the pig's daily stroll.*

## Colorado couple buys 'Wonderful Life' car

The car George Bailey drove in "It's a Wonderful Life" has pulled into Colorado.

Keith and Marilyn Smith of Johnstown bought the 1919 Dodge from the beloved 1946 movie and added it to their collection Friday, the *Greeley Tribune* reported.

The fender of the Dodge, which was

dented when Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, crashed it in the movie, has been fixed. Keith Smith, an antique car buff, repainted it in the early 1990s, and this month the couple bought it from a California collector.

The Smiths have the original title to the car, which lists the matching motor number from 1946. The owner is listed as 20th Century Fox, which made the film.

## News Album

## Suspect parcel in Berne is Christmas present

Part of the European Union embassy in Berne was evacuated on Thursday after a scare over a suspect package but it turned out to be a Christmas present, Swiss police said.

The parcel was investigated and was quickly declared to be safe, the Berne police said in a statement.

Police in Rome were checking embassies on Thursday after two people were injured in separate explosions at the Swiss and Chilean missions. The government suggested the blasts could be the work of anarchist groups.

## Spider-Man actor walking again after back surgery

NEW YORK, 26 Dec—The stunt actor who fell 30 feet while playing Spider-Man on Broadway is walking again, and his father said Saturday that he can't wait to return to the role despite injuries that have him confined to the intensive care unit.

Christopher Tierney walked Friday for the first time since his fall during Monday's performance of "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" and

is spending Christmas with his mother and brother in the hospital while recovering from back surgery, Tim Tierney said.

Julie Taymor, the director and co-writer of the \$65 million production, visited the injured actor in the hospital on Christmas Eve, Tierney said.

The show — the most expensive ever on Broadway — has been plagued by technical glitches, money woes and three other injuries, including a concussion and two broken wrists.—*Internet*



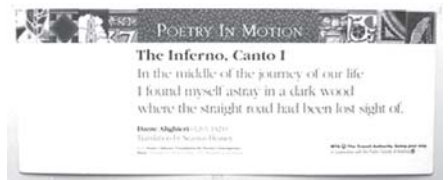
*A theater worker cleans a showcard frame for 'Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark' outside the theater, in New York, on 23 Dec, 2010.*

INTERNET

## NYC subway service ads replace poetry, literature

NEW YORK, 26 Dec—Not long ago, a subway rider who'd had a particularly tough day at work found herself staring up at the ads inside her subway car, where one of the placards featured a poignant literary quote.

It was from a 15th-century Turkish poet, Mihri Khatun, and it "turned my day around," the rider later said in an e-mail. "Within me, the



*This 17 Nov, 1993 file photo shows a poster containing an excerpt from 'Dante's Inferno.' The poster is an example of 20 poems that were displayed in New York City subway cars as part of the programme called 'Poetry in Motion.'—INTERNET*

heart has taken fire like a candle/ My body, whirling, is a lighthouse illuminated by your image," the poet wrote.—*Internet*

## Top art collector Roy Neuberger dies at 107 in NY

NEW YORK, 26 Dec—Roy R Neuberger, a Wall Street investor who became one of the nation's top modern art collectors, has died. He was 107.

Neuberger died Friday at his home in Manhattan's Pierre Hotel, said Rich Chimberg, a spokesman for the Neuberger Berman firm.

Neuberger had survived Wall Street's three major crises with enough money to build one of the largest private collections of major contemporary masterpieces.

He acquired hundreds of paintings and sculptures by such artists as Milton Avery, Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning, Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe and others.—*Internet*

## Lovato, Welch reach agreement over punch

LOS ANGELES, 26 Dec—Disney Channel star Demi Lovato reached a settlement with Alex Welch, the dancer she punched while on tour in South America with the Jonas Brothers, Welch said. Lovato, 18, has been in treatment for emotional and physical issues since the October incident, *People* reported.

"I'm happy. We came to an agreement and I'm ready to move on," said Alex "Shorty" Welch, a member of the all-female dance crew, Beat Freaks. "I'm ready to start working again." Welch said she was punched after tour managers confronted Lovato about her behavior on the tour. Welch sustained a black eye and bruised cheek. Lovato's representatives refused to comment on the settlement, but Welch, 21, said part of the settlement would be donated to charity. "That's important," Welch said.—*Internet*

## Arsenal manager wants to hammer Chelsea

LONDON, 26 Dec — Arsene Wenger wants Arsenal to deliver a hammer blow to Chelsea's title challenge when the champions visit the Emirates Stadium in a crucial London derby on Monday. Wenger's side have endured a miserable run against Chelsea recently, but they have a golden opportunity to end that barren streak of five successive defeats in their final home match of 2010. While Chelsea have slipped to fourth in the Premier League after failing to win any of their last five matches, the Gunners have moved one point above their rivals into second place thanks to some impressive performances.

Arsenal's only slip came two weeks ago when they lost to leaders Manchester United, but, despite being widely written off as title contenders in pre-season, they have managed to outshine

Carlo Ancelotti's team over the last two months and Wenger knows they can significantly damage Chelsea's chances with victory in the first of their Christmas fixtures. "Of course this is a must-win game," Wenger said.—Internet



**Arsenal's English striker Theo Walcott scores on 8 Dec, 2010. Arsene Wenger wants Arsenal to deliver a hammer blow to Chelsea's title challenge when the champions visit the Emirates Stadium in a crucial London derby on Monday.**—INTERNET

## Redknapp vows to hang on to Spurs stars

LONDON, 26 Dec — Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp has underlined his determination to keep his best players as the race for the Premier League title begins one of its most hectic phases. Redknapp, whose side takes on Aston Villa at Villa Park on Sunday before ending 2010 at home to Newcastle two days' later, has made it clear playmaker Luka Modric is not for sale.

The Croatia international had been linked with English champions Chelsea but Redknapp was adamant there was no possibility of Modric joining Carlo Ancelotti at Stamford Bridge when the transfer window opens next month. "He is such a fantastic player," he said. "If we start selling such a player like that



**Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp has underlined his determination to keep his best players as the race for the Premier League title begins one of its most hectic phases.**—INTERNET

then we might as well all go home. He is a different class and is not going anywhere. He (Ancelotti) might have his eye on him but he is not going to get him for sure.

Internet

## S P O R T S

### Dutch midfielder signs four-year Barcelona deal

MADRID, 26 Dec — Dutch international Ibrahim Afellay completed his transfer to Barcelona from PSV Eindhoven on Friday by signing a four and a half year contract with the reigning Spanish champions.

"When I was a kid, I wanted to play for Barca, it was a dream. We all know that it is the best place to play football and when I heard about their interest I didn't think twice," he said.

The 24-year-old midfielder, who came through the ranks at PSV Eindhoven and whose family are from Morocco, has 29 caps for his country and was a member of the squad which reached the World Cup final.

Internet



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**Manchester United's Park Ji-Sung (L) has admitted he is frustrated to be leaving Manchester United when they are top of the Premier League but expects them to still be there when he returns from Asia Cup duty with South Korea.**—INTERNET

### Park backs United to thrive in Asian Cup absence

MANCHESTER, 26 Dec — Park Ji-Sung has admitted he is frustrated to be leaving Manchester United when they are top of the Premier League but expects them to still be there when he returns from Asia Cup duty with South Korea. "Playing for the national team is an honour, but I am also very happy to play for United, so missing several games is disappointing," said in-form midfielder Park, who has



scored six goals this season.

"But United have a big enough squad to be very strong and they will do well without me. I will keep an eye on United's schedule and results when I am away — I will focus on the team. "And I totally believe we will still be top when I come back. I have no doubts we will be in the same position as we are at the moment," he added. Park, who has had to balance his commitments with European club sides and at international level for eight years, is thinking of retiring from South Korea duty after the Asia Cup in Qatar.—Internet

### Feely's FG thwarts Dallas rally, Arizona wins



GLENDALE, 26 Dec — Jay Feely's 48-yard field goal barely cleared the crossbar with 5 seconds to go to thwart a big Dallas rally and give the Cardinals a 27-26 victory over the Cowboys on Saturday night. Dallas (5-10) rallied from 18 points down to take a 26-24 lead when Stephen McGee, in his first NFL game, threw 45 yards to Miles Austin for a touch-

down with 1:46 to play.

Arizona (5-10) was in deep trouble, but rookie John Skelton, on fourth-and-15 from the Cardinals 19, threw 26 yards to Larry Fitzgerald, and the Cardinals slipped into Feely's range. Feely, who had a 49-yarder earlier, has missed three kicks all season, including a 49-yard attempt Saturday night.

Dallas fell behind 14-0 when Kitna had interceptions returned for touchdowns on the Cowboys' first two possessions.

Internet

### Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



### LeBron has triple-double, Heat rout Lakers

LOS ANGELES, 26 Dec — LeBron James and Kobe Bryant ran their mouths while they jogged downcourt, not quite making eye contact during an unpleasant conversation in the closing minutes. "Just asked him what he got for Christmas," James said.

Although the two superstars wouldn't reveal

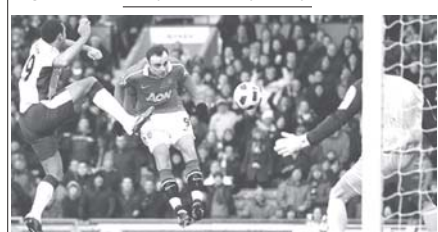
**Miami Heat forward LeBron James, top, yells at Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant after Bryant comited an offensive foul during the second half of their NBA basketball game, on 25 Dec, 2010, in Los Angeles.**—INTERNET

what angry words they exchanged, it wasn't tough to pick out a few statements Saturday. While Kobe and the Los Angeles Lakers got a disturbing first look at the Miami Heat, LeBron got the last word at Staples Center yet again.—Internet



### BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE 26-12-2010 (Sunday).

**Manchester United remain in charge at the summit after seeing off Sunderland, with Manchester City on their heels following victory away to Newcastle, while Wolves' home defeat to Wigan saw them fall to the foot of the table.**

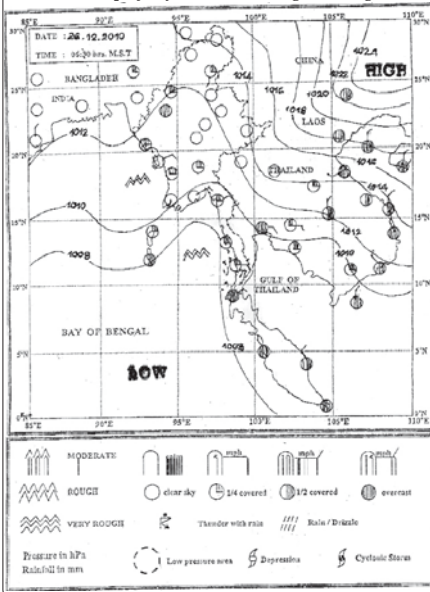


**Berbatov heads home for United.**

Fulham	1-3	West Ham U
Blackburn R	0-2	Stock C
Bolton W	2-0	WBA
Newcastle U	1-3	Manchester City
Wolve	1-2	Wigan Athletic
Manchester U	2-0	Sunderland



## Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

## Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Region and weather has been partly cloudy over Kachin State, Mandalay and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy fall in Taninthayi Region. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, and Ayeyawady Regions, (5°C) below December average temperatures in Kayah State and Upper Sagaing Region, (8°C) below December average temperature in Chin State and (3°C) above December average temperatures in Mon State, Taninthayi Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-4°C), Pinlaung (-3°C), Manchanbaw and Heho (0°C) each and Namhsan (1°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Myeik (3.03) inches.

## Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 25-12-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 26-12-2010 was 54°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-12-2010 was (63%). Rainfall on 26-12-2010 was (Nil).

## Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 25-12-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 26-12-2010 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-12-2010 was (53%). Total sunshine hours on 25-12-2010 was (9.5) hours.

Rainfall on 26-12-2010 was at (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (83.19) inches at Mingaladon, (97.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 25-12-2010.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2010:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy over Kachin and Shan States, Yangon Region and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

## Two militants killed, five wound in E Algeria

ALGIERS, 26 Dec—The Algerian army ambushed militants in the coastal province of Jijel, about 360 km east of the Algerian capital of Algiers, killing at least two and wounding five others, local Ennahar newspaper reported on Sunday, citing senior sources.

The operation, staged in Djemaa bni Habibi commune, about 40 km eastern Jijel, aimed to wipe out strongholds of the militants, some of militants are still on the run, according to the paper.

The militants were killed in a 45-minute gunbattle with the troops, the sources said, adding that the troops were backed by choppers.

Algeria faces an increasing threat by Islamist militants since the 1990s. The security forces have recently launched massive military operations against pro-al-Qaeda groups, including the Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM).

Xinhua



A contestant takes part in the Blue Sword-Vive Cup 2011 World Super Model Contest China Champion Final in southwest China's Chongqing, on 26 Dec, 2010. XINHUA

## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (27-12-2010)(Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	- (27-12-10 09:30 am ~ 28-12-10 09:30 am MST)

## Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Padalin Cave; A Hidden Treasure House
- \* News
- \* Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "Golden Land"
- \* News
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- \* News
- \* Invitation to Myanmar Language and Literature
- \* Festival of Kahtain (Part-2)
- \* News
- \* Famous Pagoda Festival in Shwebo
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* A Myanmar Tapestry
- \* Monywa... Picturesque City
- \* News
- \* Traditional Meritorious Deeds Ceremony (Pindaya Region)
- \* Myanmar Movies "Dancer and Drummer"



Monday,  
27 December  
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By  
Venerable Min Gun  
Sayadaw  
Uppatathandi  
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

8:05 am

7. Cute Little Dancers

8:20 am

8. Myanmar  
Traditional Cultural  
Performing Arts  
Competition

8:30 am

9. Dance Of National  
Races

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

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

4:30 pm

4. Teleplay (Industry)

4:40 pm

5. University Of  
Distance Education  
(TV Lectures)

4:55 pm

6. Songs For  
Upholding  
National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Musical Programme

5:15 pm

8. Myanmar  
Language

5:25 pm

9. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. Documentary

18. World's Stars  
(Part-6)

19. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

## Information Minister attends Myanmar Sarsodaw (Literati) Day, ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati

YANGON, 26 Dec—Sponsored by the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Sarsodaw (Literati) Day for the year 1372 ME was held in conjunction with a ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati at Yangon City Hall here this morning, attended by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint, Members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor U Maung Pa, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and officials, doyen literati, the chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, vice-chairman and CEC members, the chairmen of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon and executives, the chairmen of the Township WJAs and members, well-wishers and guests.

Chairman of MWJA U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) made a speech on the occasion. He said that the MWJA has been able to hold the ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati like the one being held today on a yearly basis; that it was able to present K 150,000 and gift to each doyen literati at the previous respect-

*Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan presents offertories to doyen literati at the ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati.*

MNA



paying ceremony; that this year's respect-paying ceremony was able to present K 200,000 and gift to each doyen literati with the contributions of the government, departments, well-wishers and the Union Solidarity and Development Party and that therefore,

he thanked the donors for their generous contributions.

Next, Secretary of MWJA U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tekkatho) read out the Sarsodaw Day message sent by the MWJA.

After that, Joint Secretary-1 of

MWJA U Myat Khine (Myat Khine) introduced doyen literati who attended the ceremony to those present.

Later, MWJA Treasurer U Maung Maung Aye (Maung Haymar) read out the list of donors.

(See page 7)