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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

Construction Minister inspects Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 5 January inspected upgrading of a five-mile and four-furlong long road into a four-lane tar one between Nay Pyi Taw milepost Nos 12/0 and 17/4, and construction of Kyweshin Bridge and its approach road.

He also inspected construction of box culverts, bridges along Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road, which is the sixth the road across Yoma Mountain Range, being constructed by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and

private companies.

The minister called for completion of works on schedule and meeting set standard.

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road is 107 miles and two furlongs long. Five district groups of Public Works, one Airport Construction Special Group, one Building Construction Special Group, four Road Construction Special Groups, and 11 companies are engaging in construction works.

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True patriotism

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

Construction

Minister U Khin

Maung Myint inspects

construction of

Kyweshin Bridge.

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Mon State to become a land of rubber farms

Byline: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon); Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)



Workers undergo training to tap latex.

Rubber farming is a traditional business in Mon State. The first-ever rubber farm in Mon State is Kyongadat rubber farm in Thanbyuzayat, which was established in 1902.

To achieve the goal "Mon State must become a land of rubber farms", the state runs a large number of rubber farms in its townships.

Up to 2009-2010, Mon State had 423,692 acres of rubber farms, compared with only 76,607 acres in 1988. So far, 248,133 of the 423,692 acres of rubber farms can be harvested. The region produces 160,189,702 pounds of rubber a year, with the annual per acre yield of 645.58 pounds.

Due to its favourable conditions of rainfall, fertile soil and climate patterns, Mon State occupies 37.06 per cent of the total acreage of rubber farms, and 65.06 per cent of the total acreage of harvested rubber farms in the nation.

In order to achieve its goal, Mon State set up a target of 400,000 acres of rubber farms. Up to 19 August 2010, it had put 451,696 acres under rubber plants. It is sustaining its efforts to meet the target of

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Root out the danger of narcotics through cooperation

The danger of narcotics is threatening the entire mankind. So, Myanmar has been carrying out drug elimination tasks for decades.

Poppy-growing business started from the time when the colonialists were expanding their business in Asia. Since the time of Myanmar kings, the country has been combating abuse of narcotic drugs by issuing rules and laws.

Techniques and equipment for producing drugs were spread by the western nations with their advantage in science and technology.

With the aim of reducing poppy cultivation, drug production and drug abuse, Myanmar is implementing poppy-substitute cultivation and livestock breeding tasks.

Educative campaigns are being launched so that young people cannot sway into the wrong way by abusing drugs. Today's youth are the future of the nation. Being future leaders, they need to be fit and strong and intelligent.

Myanmar destroyed 5745.03 acres of poppy up to 13 December 2010 in the 2010-2011 poppy cultivation season. States and regions also destroyed 1564.9 acres of poppy from 14 to 20 December, bringing the total acres of 7309.93 of poppy.

The nation is also carrying out drug eradication tasks in collaboration with the neighbouring countries from the region and sub-region by signing bilateral agreements.

Overall, all the national people are to take part in the fight against narcotic drugs that pose a grave danger to the humanity.

9th Myanmar ICT Week at Yatanarpon Cyber City

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan—The 9th Myanmar ICT Week will be held on a grand scale at Yatanarpon Cyber Hall in Yatanarpon cyber city, PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region from 8 to 12 January.

During the 9th Myanmar ICT Week, McWill system with internet access will be sold in Yangon and Mandalay.

Myanmar Posts and Telegraphs will offer one-stop service at its booth for CDMA 800 MHz phone users who wish to use EVDO (data system used in CDMA) whereas Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd will sell mobile application software, web hosting and domains at discount. IT companies from home and abroad will display modern hi-tech IT applications, products of investor companies in Yatanarpon cyber city.

Moreover, ICT shows, IT live show, product show, gadget show, show biz extra and seminars on latest IT news, latest technologies and workshops will be held during the ICT Week.

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People's Desire

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

Banks Supervisory Committee, Myanmar Banks Association hold 124th meeting



Minister U Hla Tun addresses the 124th meeting of Banks Supervisory Committee and the Executive Committee of Myanmar Banks Association.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan — The 124th meeting of Banks Supervisory Committee under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the Executive Committee of Myanmar Banks Association took place at the ministry here this morning with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, directors-general and

managing directors of the ministry, chairmen, executive directors and executive committee members from State-owned banks and private banks.

After the minister had made a speech, the deputy minister and Governor U Than Nyein explained banking services and those present took part in the rounds of discussion. Then, the minister made a concluding remark.

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Fourth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-ministry Women Volleyball Tournament kicks off



Sports Minister Thura U Aye Myint speaks at the opening of the 4th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-ministry Women Volleyball Tournament.—MNA

Noble Nine to conduct business diploma course on 29 Jan

YANGON, 7 Jan—Noble Nine College, recognized branch of City of Sunderland College of the UK will conduct Diploma in Business (Marketing, Management and Administration) course on 29 January. In line with the course of Sunderland College, Noble Nine College is lecturing through activity, tasks and assignment system plus six months tutorial and three months workplacement.

After completing the course, the trainees will be able to locally take National Qualifications Framework (NQF level-3) of the UK so as to get the Diploma conferred by UK College.

For details, contact Noble Nine College at No. 7, Watkyang Street, Yaykyaw, Pazundaung Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-396915 and 01-73002966).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan — The opening of the Fourth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-ministry Women Volleyball Tournament was held at the Nay Pyi Taw Volleyball Ground here this morning.

Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint made an opening address and opened the tournament.

Among the spectators were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, member of Myanmar Olympic Committee Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu and deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials of Sports and Physical Education Department.

As an opening match, the Ministry of Defence team played against the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs.

Altogether 19 teams are taking part in the tournament which will be held up to 28 January.

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US sends 1,400 more Marines to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 7 Jan—The United States has ordered an additional 1,400 Marines to southern Afghanistan to preempt a Taliban spring offensive, despite a planned troop drawdown starting in July, the Pentagon said.

Defence Secretary Robert Gates on Wednesday “approved additional Marine forces to southern Afghanistan to exploit and consolidate gains already achieved and apply pressure on the enemy during the winter campaign,” spokesman Colonel David Lapan said.

The Marine contingent could start arriving within weeks and would only be on the ground for a short mission of less than 90 days, defence officials said.

The move was designed to cement tentative gains against the mostly Pashtun militancy, with the hope of bolstering recently cleared areas between Kandahar

City and Helmand Province, officials said.

The 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, currently based on a ship in the Indian Ocean, would be heading to Afghanistan for the “winter campaign,” the head of US Central Command, General James Mattis, said later in a statement.

There are currently about 97,000 American troops in Afghanistan, along with 45,000 forces from other countries, and officials said the new Marines would not put the total number of US forces above the limit of 100,000 authorized by President Barack Obama. “These forces are within the current authority,” Lapan said.

Obama last month said the US war strategy in Afghanistan was “on track,” but warned that gains won by his surge strategy at a heavy cost in casualties remained fragile and reversible.

Internet

Sightseeing bus crashes in northern India, 22 dead

LUCKNOW, 7 Jan—A sightseeing bus overturned and plunged into a gorge, killing 22 Indian tourists and injuring 12 others who were visiting a town at the foot of the Himalayas, officials said Thursday.

Among the 22 killed were 13 children, said Mahendra Singh Tamta, spokesman for Uttarakhand state in northern India. Four of 12 people hospitalized were in serious condition.

The private bus was one of eight hired to take



A view of a sightseeing bus that landed upside down after it plunged into a gorge late Wednesday 2010.

INTERNET

Haridwar City traders on a picnic in Mussoorie, a popular tourist town surrounded by green hills and snowy mountains about 20 miles (30 kilometres) from the state capital, Dehradun.

The bus was carrying 52 people back to Haridwar late Wednesday when it flipped over at a curve in the road and rolled down the gorge, landing upside down, Tamta said.

Internet



Law enforcement officials are pictured entering the Maryland Department of Transport headquarters in Hanover, Maryland, in this still image taken from a video released on 6 January, 2011.

INTERNET

Suicide bomber targets Afghan bath house

SPIN BOLDAK (AFGHANISTAN), 7 Jan—At least 17 people have died in a blast in a crowded public bath house in Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar province.

At least 23 people were injured in the attack, which took place in the town of Spin Boldak, on the Pakistan border.



Officials said a suicide bomber was behind the blast, which targeted a police commander inside the building.

The blast happened as the bath house was packed with people getting ready for Friday prayers.

Border police official Gen Abdul Raziq said “Today, around 11:50, there was a suicide attack in Spin Boldak targeting a local public bath.

The target of the attack was a border police officer, Ramazan. He along with 17 others have been killed and 23 others have been injured.”—Internet

Packages detonate in two Maryland state buildings

WASHINGTON, 7 Jan—Two packages detonated in the mailrooms of two Maryland state government buildings on Thursday, but no one was seriously injured, officials said.

Investigators had yet to identify a suspect or make any arrests, a Maryland state official said.

“Explosion may be too strong of a word. The packages were smoldering.

In one case there was a flare up,” said the state official, who asked not to be identified because Maryland State Police was in charge of the investigation.

There were no serious injuries, though a few people were examined by emergency medical technicians, the official said.

A federal law enforcement official said the packages erupted into smoke and flames. No one was taken to the hospital.

One incident took place in the mailroom of the Maryland Department of Transport facility in Hanover and the other in a mail-handling facility in a state building in Annapolis next to the Maryland State House.

Authorities evacuated about 125 people at the Jeffrey Building and some 250 people from the Department of Transportation building, the state official said.

Reuters

A French soldier and Afghan police officers stand near the site of an explosion in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 4 Jan, 2011. The bomb exploded in central Kabul early Tuesday, killing one police officer and wounding three other people, a government official said, on the one-year anniversary of the country’s constitution.

INTERNET



Shock as Australians return to flood-hit homes

ROCKHAMPTON, 7 Jan—Australians were greeted by scenes of devastation as they picked through their flood-shattered homes, with forecasts of more heavy rain Friday threatening a multi-million dollar clean-up.

More than 300 houses have been completely inundated by the floods caused by the torrential rain which has lashed Queensland for weeks, wiping out crops, slashing mine production and forcing thousands from their homes.

The large town of Rockhampton moved into recovery mode as the massive volume of water — estimated to cover an area the size of France and Germany combined — moved towards the sea, while residents of other communities returned home.—Internet



Police patrol the flooded streets of Rockhampton on the lookout for looters.—INTERNET

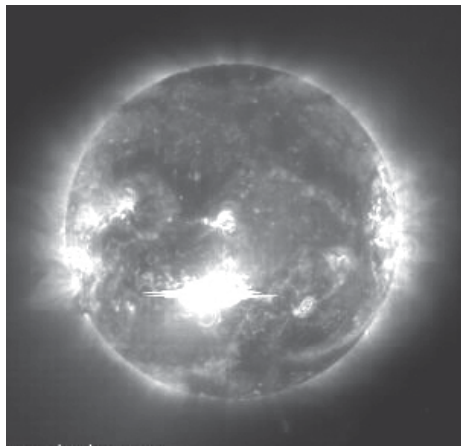
Heavy floods leave at least 35 dead in Brazil

SAO PAULO, 7 Jan—Brazilian authorities say a couple and their two young daughters have died in a mudslide in Sao Paulo State, bringing the death toll from heavy flooding to at least 35 people. More than 30,000 people across the country have been forced out of their homes.

Officials in the city of Jundiai said Thursday the family died when their house collapsed because of a mudslide triggered by downpours. The girls were 4 and 9 years old. The worst-hit state is Minas Gerais, where civil defence authorities said Thursday that 16 people either drowned or were buried in mudslides. More than 13,000 were forced to seek shelter. Heavy rains have been pummeling Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Espirito Santo States since Christmas.—Internet



Scientists probe puzzle of sun temperature



SOHO's Extreme Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope captured this spectacular solar flare the morning of on 28 Oct, 2003.—INTERNET

PALO ALTO, 7 Jan — A puzzle as to why the sun's outer atmosphere is millions of degrees hotter than its churning surface may have been partly solved, US researchers say.

Scientists at the Lockheed Martin Solar and Astrophysics Laboratory in Palo Alto, Calif, say fountain-like jets of hot gas that shoot into the sun's outer atmosphere transport enough high-temperature material from the sun's interior to keep the outer layer, known as the corona, heated to several million degrees Kelvin, *ScienceNews.org* reported Thursday.

The newly discovered jets are too

narrow and short-lived to have been detected with older instruments but were captured by cameras and a high-resolution telescope aboard Japan's Hinode spacecraft, launched in 2006.

Further observations with NASA's recently launched Solar Dynamics Observatory found that just seconds after the appearance of the jets in the region just above the visible surface, the corona briefly increased to temperatures ranging from 100,000 to as high as 2 million degrees Kelvin.

Internet

US scientists sound alarm over animal research

WASHINGTON, 7 Jan—Scientists who use monkeys, mice and dogs for research on human diseases fear that the US government is restructuring the massive National Institutes of Health in a way that could slash their funding.

As the NIH forges ahead with a plan to speed up the way scientific discoveries are transformed into treatments and cures, animal researchers say they are being overlooked in the rush to create a new institute devoted to something they already do. And some are concerned that the changes could



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incur large startup costs at a time when Congress is aiming to pare back science budgets.

The NIH, which funnels \$31 billion per year into medical research, is considering an advisory panel recommendation to create a new centre for turning lab advances into practical health solutions for the public, also known as translational medicine.

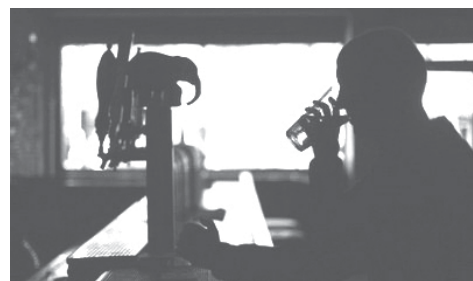
The proposed National Centre for Advancing Translational Research (NCATS) would include a new initiative from President Barack Obama's health care reform plan, the Cures Acceleration Network, as well as other programmes devoted to rare diseases and special award grants.—*Internet*

Chilean scientists seek alcoholism vaccine

SANTIAGO, 7 Jan—Chilean researchers said Thursday they are developing a vaccine against alcoholism that could be tested on humans starting next year and works by neutralizing an enzyme that metabolizes alcohol.

The genetic therapy is based on aldehyde dehydrogenase, a group of enzymes that metabolize alcohol and are thus responsible for alcohol tolerance, said Juan Asenjo, who heads a team of researchers at Chile's Faculty of Sciences and Mathematics and the private lab Recalcine.

About 20 percent of the Asian population lacks this enzyme and thus experience "such a strong reaction that it discourages consumption," he added.



A man drinks a beer at a bar.

INTERNET

The vaccine would similarly increase unease, nausea and tachycardia (accelerated heart beat).

"With the vaccine, the desire to consume alcohol will be greatly reduced thanks to these reactions," Asenjo told Radio Cooperativa.—*Internet*



Sony stays loyal to 3D at CES gadget fest



A model displays a new Sony 3D television in Tokyo in March 2010.

INTERNET

LAS VEGAS, 7 Jan—Japanese electronics titan Sony is raising its bet that the future of home entertainment is 3D, as it unveils home video and photo gear in the format.

Internet connectivity, 3D, and content streamed online were main themes as Sony showed off its latest TVs, cameras, and more during a press event on the eve of the opening of the Consumer Electronics (CES) show Thursday in Las Vegas.

"Sony has the knowledge, vision, assets and conviction to redefine television," said Sony chief executive Sir Howard Stringer.

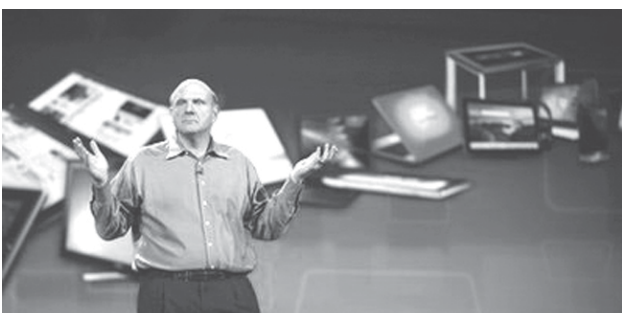
"We are shaking up the television landscape and we will win." Sony expanded its Bravia TV line-up with an array of new 3D models and internet-connected models.

Internet

Microsoft's answer to the iPad is still in pieces

SEATTLE, 7 Jan—Instead of unveiling an elegant response to the iPad, Microsoft came to the tech industry's premier gadget show with a collection of exposed computer guts.

Microsoft's biggest news was that the next version of Windows would run on the style of cell phone chips



Microsoft chief executive officer Steve Ballmer gives his keynote speech for the Consumer Electronics Show, on 5 Jan, 2011 in Las Vegas.—INTERNET

that power the iPad and other tablets today. It proved it with a series of demonstrations on half-built computers; on the monitors hooked up to those machines, the software was indistinguishable from the current Windows 7.

Microsoft's missing tablet served as a reminder that the world's largest software maker remains years from a serious entry into this new category of devices. It also raised more doubts about whether Microsoft Corp will ever be able to grab a meaningful piece of this fast-growing segment. If it can't, Microsoft Corp's dominance of personal computers may become increasingly irrelevant as people embrace ever-sleeker portable devices.

CEO Steve Ballmer mostly lingered on what went right last year when he gave the company's customary keynote on the eve of the International Consumer Electronics Show on Wednesday.—*Internet*

Verizon reveals first 4G wireless tablets, phones

LAS VEGAS, 7 Jan—This year, the big national wireless carriers will be racing to stake their claims in the new frontier of service: ultra-fast data access — for smart phones and laptops as well as for gadgets like tablets.

The companies are boosting their wireless data speeds and revving up the marketing hype. They're moving away from talking about call quality and coverage, and focusing on data speeds: megabits in place of minutes. For consumers, there are benefits in the form of faster service and cooler gadgets. Yet some of the marketing campaigns seem designed to confuse consumers about the gadgets' speed.

At the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas this week, Verizon Wireless revealed the 10 gadgets with built-in access to its new high-speed wireless data network, including smart phones, tablet and laptops. Some are to launch as early as March.—*Internet*



T-Mobile CTO Neville Ray speaks during a news conference at the Consumer Electronics Show on 6 Jan, 2011, in Las Vegas.—INTERNET

Health

Health Tip: Healing heel pain

Heel pain is usually caused by activities that continually pound the heel. Such injuries include Achilles tendinitis and plantar fasciitis.

Whatever the cause, these suggestions from the US National Library of Medicine may help ease your heel pain:

- * Rest your feet for at least a week.
- * Apply ice to the sore heel, twice a day for about 10 or 15 minutes at a time.
- * Take over-the-counter medication, such as ibuprofen, to ease inflammation and pain.
- * Wear shoes that fit correctly.
- * Place an orthotic, heel cup or felt padding in the heel of your shoe.
- * Work with a physical therapist to help prevent the injury from recurring.

Internet

British watchdog says dioxin egg 'no health risk'

LONDON, 7 Jan—Britain's food safety watchdog has said that egg tainted with dioxin that has been imported into the country after being contaminated in Germany is not thought to be a risk to health.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) said they had been informed that affected eggs were sent to the Netherlands and mixed with other non-contaminated eggs to make a pasteurised liquid egg, which was then exported to Britain.

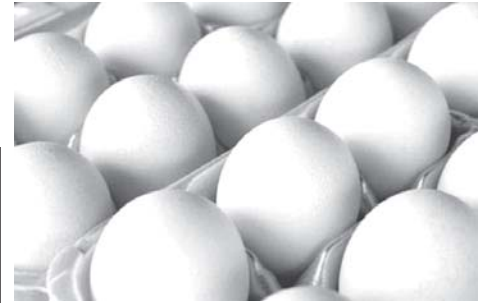
"The mixing of the eggs will have diluted the levels of dioxins and they are not thought to be a risk to health," said the agency in a statement Thursday.

"The FSA is currently liaising with the industry and will provide further updates as information becomes available."

Dioxin, a by-product of burning rubbish and industrial activities, can cause miscarriages and other health problems in humans, including cancer.

The European Commission revealed earlier Thursday that the dioxin-tainted eggs had made their way to Britain.

A total of 136,000 eggs — nine tonnes — from suspect poultry farms were delivered to a firm in the Netherlands on 3 December from the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, where they were turned into processed foodstuff.—Internet



A hunt for potentially dioxin-tainted eggs, first collected in Germany then exported to the Netherlands, has turned to Britain, the European Commission said Thursday.—INTERNET

New blood test could detect Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON, 7 Jan—US scientists may have found a new way to use a blood test to search for clues of Alzheimer's disease, a discovery that if proven could extend to other ailments, said a study released Thursday.

"If this works in Alzheimer's disease, it suggests it is a pretty general platform that may work for a lot of different diseases," said Thomas Kodadek of The Scripps Research Institute, whose work was published in the journal *Cell*.

"Now we need to put it in the hands of disease experts to tackle diseases where early diagnosis is key." There is no cure for Alzheimer's, the most common form of dementia which afflicts five million people in the

United States, so the wider public might not see much use in a test for it.

However pharmaceutical companies could use the information to better locate patients for clinical trials. Kodadek tried a new way to identify signals of disease in the blood, using molecules called peptoids to detect antibodies in the bloodstream of animals and patients with specific diseases.

After isolating more immunoglobulin, a major type of antibody, in mice with a condition similar to multiple sclerosis than he did in healthy mice, he moved on to humans and tested six patients with Alzheimer's, six with Parkinson's and six healthy people.—Internet



A researcher carries blood samples to be tested. US scientists may have found a new way to use a blood test to search for clues of Alzheimer's disease, a discovery that if proven could extend to other ailments, said a study released Thursday.—INTERNET

Business

Samsung seeks 15 percent TV sales jump in smart TV push

LAS VEGAS, 7 Jan—Samsung Electronics Co, aiming for a 15 percent jump in TV sales in 2011, signaled an aggressive push into "smart" and 3D TVs this year in unveiling a procession of content and technology tie-ups with the likes of Comcast and Adobe.

The world's largest television maker is targeting 15 percent growth in 2011 sales of flat-screen TVs to 45 million units, and hopes to more than double shipments of pricier LED sets.

It aims to quadruple sales of 3D TV sets to around 8-9 million units this year, while aggressively promoting Internet-enabled TVs to goose up margins as severe price competition keeps profits razor-thin.

Shaken by their failure to inspire consumers in a recession with a new generation of TVs, major producers from Samsung, LG Electronics Inc to Sony all showed improved versions of 3D and "smart" TVs at the Consumer Electronics Show, hoping to grab a bigger slice of an emerging market where no single player dominates.—Reuters



A reporter touches a 75-inch, full HD 3D LED television by Samsung Electronics during the first day of the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show.—INTERNET

Boeing plane orders soar as airlines rebound

NEW YORK, 7 Jan—US aerospace giant Boeing on Thursday said orders for commercial aircraft soared amid a "spectacular" 2010 recovery for the airline industry, but deliveries fell.

Boeing said it had orders for 530 planes in 2010, a 31 percent increase from the year before, despite problems with its new 787 *Dreamliner*.

The company said the jump in orders, up from 405 in 2009, came as "air carriers transition from economic recovery to expansion."

Boeing's European arch-rival Airbus is expected to publish its own annual



A sign hangs above the entrance to The Boeing Company's headquarters in Chicago. The US aerospace giant said it had received orders for 530 planes in 2010, a 31 percent increase from the year before, despite problems with its new 787 *Dreamliner*.—INTERNET

Toshiba year-end TV sales strong but 3D weak

LAS VEGAS, 7 Jan—Japan's Toshiba Corp saw better-than-expected television sales in November and December thanks to a spike in Japanese sales, the head of the company's TV unit told *Reuters* in an interview on Thursday.

But Masaaki Osumi said sales of 3D models designed for use with special glasses had disappointed, accounting for only about 15-20 percent of large TVs sold, compared with an initial target of 50 percent.

"We had wanted 3D sales to make up about half of large-screen TV sales, but it's proving difficult," he said at the Consumer Electronics Show.

"The price premium for 3D TVs may still be too high. It's the same in Japan, Europe and America. Sales of 3D TVs with glasses have not lived up to expectations," he said.—Reuters

orders tally by the end of the month. In late November, Airbus was trailing, with 388 orders compared with Boeing's 484, after European firm saw some 50 order cancellations. "Our airline customers are doing well and it's been a good year for us at Boeing," Randy Tinseth, head of marketing for Boeing Commercial Airplanes said. "2010 in many ways was really a spectacular year." Passenger traffic was up eight percent, cargo traffic jumped nearly 20 percent, and airlines collected higher ticket prices, while fuel prices were "within expectations," he said.—Reuters

Oil findings boost chance of corp criminal charge



This 21 April, 2010 file photo shows the Deepwater Horizon oil rig burning after an explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, off the southeast tip of Louisiana.—INTERNET

NEW ORLEANS, 7 Jan—Months of investigation by a presidential commission and other panels reinforce the likelihood that companies involved in the Gulf oil spill will be slapped with criminal charges that could add tens of

billions of dollars to the huge fines they already face, legal experts said Thursday.

The reports don't blame a single person or group responsible for the series of mistakes. That means in the end no one may go to prison for the worst offshore oil spill in US history.

BP, Transocean and Halliburton should survive thanks to their financial arsenal, though charges would take another chink out of their armor.

"The evidence of negligence is too compelling and the harm is too great," said David Uhlmann, former chief of environmental crimes at the Justice Department. "The Justice Department is likely to believe that BP, Transocean and Halliburton were negligent and should be criminally charged. There's no question about that."

Uhlmann, now a law professor at the University of Michigan, cited excerpts released Wednesday from the presidential oil spill commission's report, saying it alone shows the standard for criminal charges has been met.

Among the panel's conclusions: decisions intended to save time and money created an unreasonable amount of risk that triggered the 20 April explosion in the Gulf of Mexico and led to the oil spill. The panel said another similar disaster could happen again without significant reforms by industry and government.

But the panel also concluded that the mistakes were the result of systemic problems, not necessarily the fault of any one individual.

Internet

Police occupy three slums in ongoing security action



Police patrol during an operation to take control of the Morro Sao Joao slum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 6 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Jan—Rio de Janeiro's police say they've taken over three adjacent slums as part of an ongoing programme to increase security and clamp down on drug trafficking. Police captain Ivan Blaz says the invasion by 200 elite police troops went peacefully. The communities had been warned of the action.

Police used armored cars to remove the few barriers that had been erected at the entrances to the communities prior to Thursday's raids. Blaz says police found few criminals left in the shantytowns. A permanent police unit — the 14th in this peacekeeping programme — will be established soon. The slums are less than two miles from Maracana stadium, site of the final game of the 2014 World Cup and the major ceremonies of the 2016 Olympic games.—Internet

Eight dead, three wounded in Honduras bus shooting

TEGUCIGALPA, 7 Jan—Gunmen killed four women and four children, including an 18-month boy, and wounded three others Thursday in an attack on a minibus in Honduras, officials said.

The attack in the rural eastern province of Olancho appears to have been aimed at one of the passengers on the minibus, said Security Ministry spokesman Leonel Saucedo.

"The attack was directed at one or two people who were aboard the vehicle," Saucedo said.

Assailants tried to force the driver of the bus to stop, and when he failed to do so, they opened fire with assault rifles on the vehicle. The attackers fled in two vehicles, and police are searching for them, Saucedo said.

The attack in eastern Honduras came three days after the bombing of a bus in neighbouring Guatemala killed 6 people.

The motive in the Guatemala attack appears to be related to extortion by street gangs. The motive in Thursday's attack is still being investigated.—Internet



A Chinese visitor (C) tastes wine in 2010 at the Grand Pontet castle in Saint-Emilion, western France. China has become the number one export client for Bordeaux wine in value terms, with one merchant saying it had tripled its sales to China and Hong Kong in 2010. INTERNET

Britain raises terror threat level at airports

LONDON, 7 Jan—Britain has raised its terrorist threat level for major transport hubs, including airports and London railway terminals, from substantial to severe, a report said Friday.

There was no suggestion of any intelligence of an imminent attack and security officials are stressing the change is precautionary, said the BBC.

The overall terror threat to Britain remained at the second-highest level of "severe" on Friday, where it has been for around a year and which means an attack is considered highly likely.

The highest level in the five-stage

grading is "critical" which means an attack is expected imminently.

Beneath this overall system are threat levels for particular sectors of the national infrastructure which are not normally made public, reported the BBC.

But the broadcaster said the threat level for major transport hubs, including airline terminals and major railway stations in London, had been increased from substantial to severe.

The BBC said the threat levels for specific sectors change quite often and are normally kept out of the public eye.

The latest change meant there was likely to be a greater police presence at airports and railway stations on Friday, added the broadcaster.

Sky News television and *The Daily Telegraph* newspaper earlier reported that transport police had cancelled leave for their officers and called for back-up to help deal with the heightened alert.

Internet

Intel offers concessions to EU on McAfee

BOSTON, 7 Jan— Intel has offered concessions in a bid to win European Union antitrust clearance for its \$7.7 billion purchase of security software maker McAfee Inc.

Shares in McAfee, the world's No 2 maker of security software after Symantec Corp, rose 1.8 percent on the news on Thursday, while Intel shares fell 0.8 percent. The Commission, the regulatory watchdog of the 27-nation European Union, said on its website that it has extended the deadline to January 26 from 12 January after commitments to deal with competition concerns were submitted.

"We're continuing to work with the Commission," Intel spokesman Chuck Mulloy told *Reuters*. "Our expectation continues to be that we get this matter completed sometime in the first half of 2011." He would not comment on what concessions Intel has made in its efforts to win approval of what would be its largest ever acquisition.

The commission is concerned that

Intel might embed certain elements of McAfee's virus-fighting technology in its widely used microprocessor chips for personal computers, giving it an unfair advantage over rivals, according to two people familiar with the case.

John Briggs, a Washington-based antitrust expert with Axinn Veltrop Harkrider LLP, said he suspected that Intel had agreed to take steps to make sure McAfee's competitors could still get onto computers before they were sold to consumers and businesses.—*Reuters*



Research showing that an average of four children die each year during judo lessons in Japan has alarmed some parents as the country prepares to introduce martial arts as a compulsory school sport. INTERNET

Response to Haiti cholera fund 'shameful'

GENEVA, 7 Jan—A UN spokeswoman on Thursday blasted the response to an appeal to counter the deadly cholera epidemic in Haiti as "shameful" after the world body received only a quarter of the funding it needs.

"Out of the 174 million dollars (131 million euros), the UN has only received 44 million or 25 percent of the funds we asked for, although (the situation) is of the utmost urgency," the spokeswoman for the UN Organisation for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Elisabeth Byrs said.

"It's not moving. It's shameful that we should have so little money for an illness that currently



Victims of the cholera rest at the hospital of Medecins sans Frontieres in December 2010 in Sarthe, a suburb in the north of Port-au-Prince.—INTERNET

kills in a flash because people don't have rehydration salts," she added. Cholera can swiftly dehydrate patients without treatment for potentially deadly cases of diarrhoea.

The disease has left 3,333 people dead and infected 150,000 since it suddenly appeared in the

quake and storm hit Caribbean nation last October, according to figures given by Haiti's health ministry last week.

The Pan American Health Organisation warned in November that up to 400,000 people could fall ill with cholera in a year.

Internet

World's largest consumer technology trade show kicks off in full swing

LAS VEGAS, 7 Jan—The annual international Consumer Electronics Show (CES) officially kicked off in Las Vegas on Thursday, as companies from around the world unveiled many of their latest offerings along with outlining their visions for the coming year.

The world's largest consumer technology trade show already got into full swing on Wednesday, the press day, which was filled with press conferences and notable product announcements.

While much of this year's CES opened in anticipation of news over the quickly growing tablet computer market, connectivity and the increasing convergence of media and technology were two themes that were repeatedly highlighted.

Especially in the television space, companies like consumer electronics giant Samsung emphasized not only advancements in screen quality, but also the ability to share and customize content on the screen.—Xinhua



A Pakistani woman sorts onions at a market in Lahore in February, 2010. Pakistan this week banned overland onion exports to chief rival India in a bid to control rising prices at home for the South Asian food staple, the commerce ministry said Friday.—INTERNET



A container ship is unloaded at the port in Bremerhaven, northern Germany, in 2010. Germany's imports gained an annualised 33.3 percent to 75.1 billion euros (97.5 billion dollars), while exports rose by 21.7 percent to 88 billion euros, the national statistics office said.—INTERNET

Restricting smoking in Europe effective

HOSPITALET, 7 Jan—Anti-tobacco laws enacted in Europe have resulted in less smoking and less exposure to secondhand smoke, researchers in Spain say.

Study co-author Esteve Fernandez Munoz, head of the Smoking Control Unit of the Catalan Institute of Oncology, says the study confirmed the hypothesis that the greater the smoking restrictions, the lower the consumption and passive exposure to smoke.

The study involved 27 countries of the

Oil rises to near \$89 ahead of key US jobs report

SINGAPORE, 7 Jan—Oil prices rose to near \$89 a barrel Friday in Asia as traders looked to an important monthly employment report for signs the US economy is strengthening.

Benchmark oil for February delivery rose 47 cents to \$88.85 a barrel midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost \$1.92 to settle at \$88.38 on Thursday.

Investors will be closely watching the December nonfarm payroll figures scheduled to be released later Friday after mixed signals about the jobs market so far this week.

The Labour Department said Thursday that 409,000 people made claims for benefits for the first time, up 18,000 from the previous week. However, the ADP said Wednesday that companies likely added nearly 300,000 jobs last month, far more than the 100,000 economists predicted.

Economists expect the unemployment rate fell to 9.7 percent in December from 9.8 percent the



World oil prices fell further on Wednesday as investors reacted to strength of the dollar and took profits following a recent rally which took the commodity to two-year highs.—INTERNET

previous month.

"Friday's employment figures are likely to set new waves in motion," Cameron Hanover said in a report. "If we see an increase in jobs for December, (oil traders) will imagine drivers filling up at pumps around the nation."

Most analysts have forecast oil prices will pierce the \$100 level this year, but others expect global economic growth to weaken in 2011, dragging on crude demand.—Internet

G20 should make joint efforts to stabilize food prices

WASHINGTON, 7 Jan — Without global action, people in poor countries would be deprived of adequate and nutritious food due to the food price surge, and the G20 (Group of 20 major economies) should take practical action to help make a real difference to hundreds of millions of people, the World Bank said on Thursday.

"Figures released on Wednesday by the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization show that costs for a range of basic commodities have now surpassed their peaks of 2008," World Bank President Robert B Zoellick wrote in an article posted on the World Bank website on Thursday.

Zoellick contended that with food accounting for a large and volatile share of tight family budgets in the poorest countries, rising prices are re-emerging as a threat to global growth and social stability.

The overarching goal should be to ensure that the most vulnerable people and countries are no longer denied access to nutritious food.

Xinhua



Firefighters try to extinguish a fire on a Cambodian cargo ship at the Busan port, South Korea, on 7 Jan, 2010. A fire broke out on the Cambodian cargo ship here on Thursday morning, killing 4 Chinese sailor.—XINHUA

Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan—The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, President of Nepal
On the happy occasion of the Independence

Day of the Union of Myanmar, I extend to Your Excellency cordial felicitations and best wishes for Your Excellency's personal health and happiness and for the progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

From Mohammed Nasheed, President of the Republic of Maldives

On the occasion of the Anniversary of the

Proclamation of your Independence, I wish to convey warm felicitations and sincere good wishes of the Government and the people of the Maldives and those of my own, to the Government and the people of Myanmar.

Please also accept my best wishes for the progress, welfare and harmony of the people of Myanmar.

Nepalese Prime Minister felicitates Prime Minister U Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan—The following is message of felicitations from Mr Madhav Kumar, Prime Minister of Nepal, sent to U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

On the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the government and people of Nepal and on my own, I extend to Your Excellency and through you to the people of Myanmar my sincere congratulations.

I wish Your Excellency's good health and happiness as well as progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

I am confident that the friendly relations existing between our two countries will grow further in the years ahead.

Sports Ministry meets for cane ball competition and ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011

YANGON, 7 Jan—Myanmar Hoteliers Association and Myanmar Cane ball Federation met at Zaykaba Co Ltd in Mingaladaon Garden City here this morning for holding the first Myanmar Hoteliers Association's President Cup and MCF's President Cup Myanmar traditional cane ball competition. On behalf of the Sports Minister, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik delivered an opening speech. The chairman,

secretary of MCF, President Dr Khin Shwe of MHA and personnel discussed for successful holding of cane ball competition.

In the afternoon, Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Tennis Federation met at Sports and Physical Education Department for holding ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) at Theinbyu tennis court from 22 January to 2 February.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik spoke on the occasion and personnel of MTF reported on preparations for the match.—MNA

Readymade floor showcased at Living with Technology Expo 2011

YANGON, 7 Jan—The readymade floor imported by Home Distribution Group is being on display at Living with Technology Expo 2011, Yangon at Tatmadaw Convention Hall from 8 to 10 January. As New Year programme, every customer who buys one unit of floor can get one unit of wall covering.

The sales centres are kept open at No. F2 to 6, 1st floor of Aung San Stadium north wing, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 73084840 and 73084841), No. 471, 82nd Street, between 34th and 35th streets in Mandalay (Ph: 02-36826 and 02-9102754) and No. 1237, Zawgyi Street, Mingaladipa Ward, Pobbathiri Township, opposite railway station, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 73084844 and 09-49205733).—MNA

Hospitality Operation & Service Course for job hunters

YANGON, 7 Jan—Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy with the plan for those aiming to catch job in international hotels, restaurants and luxury cruise ships will open Hospitality Operation & Service Course during the third week of January.

The academy will also conduct IELTS foundation course and intensive course.

Any interested person may contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy at No. 267, Room No. 302, Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township (Ph: 01-523623, 523200, 4412256 and 09-5020302).

MNA

Mon State to become a land of rubber farms

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100,000 tons of rubber a year when its rubber farms covering 300,000 acres have grown up.

Research on hybrid species of rubber plants is being done in the Perennial Trees Utilization Research Centre in Pha-uk Village, Mawlamyine

Township. According to the results from the research carried out five years consecutively, BPM-24, PB-260 and RRIC-100 are high-yield species.

Rubber Research and Reproduction Farm in Kyonpaik Village, Mudon Township, produces high-yield rubber grafts yearly.

Rubber factories in Mudon Township, Thanbyuzayat Township and Mawlamyine Township produce quality rubber. Rubber plants at the age of over 30 years are cut down to produce rubber timber in two rubber sawmills in Mawlamyine Township.

Manager U Yar Pyae Maung of the rubber farm owned by U Aung Myint Htoo of Kayin Thaung Village in Thanbyuzayat Township said to the Myanma Alin that their farm had an area of 758.40 acres and was founded in 1924; that new species of rubber were introduced to the farm in 1993; that up to 2007-2008, the acreage of rubber plants increased to 656.84; that rubber plantations covering 54.89 acres grown with contour system



A thriving farm of rubber plants.

was successful in 2009-2010; that they were pursuing a target of 58.60 acres of rubber plantations with contour system in 2010-2011 season. Superintendent Daw Moe Thidar Soe said that the tapping of latex began on 15 September and it concluded on 15 June; that she conducted the

latex tapping course about one month to one and a half months before the latex tapping season for 15 times at the rate of four hours a day; that they tapped latex from a rubber plant when it was at the age of six years; and that 90 percent of their rubber was used to produce rubber sheets and sold

them to national industrialists.

Now, much of many townships in Mon State is covered with rubber farms. Taking all likely scenarios, Mon State will surely achieve its goal soon.

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Ma Khin Swe Win with 20-year service replies to questions.

School Family Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon



Minister U Maung Oo presents one-year study grants to old students of Tatkon BEHS-1 studying at universities.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan—Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration and Population U Maung Oo attended the study grant-providing ceremony for university students held in conjunction with School Family Day 2010-2011 at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw District today.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, departmental heads, social organizations members, teachers and students and locals.

The minister and the deputy minister presented stipends amounted K 3.1 million to the university students.—MNA

57th Myanmar Medical Conference



19th to 25th January 2011

Yangon

Religious Affairs Minister receives Ambassador of Apostolic Nunciature to Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan—Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung met Ambassador Archbishop Giovanni d' Anirillo of Apostolic Nunciature (Embassy of Holy See) to Thailand at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

They frankly discussed matters related to religious affairs. Present also at the call were Deputy Minister Thura U Aung Ko, Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department, Head of Office U Myint Oo and heads of department.—MNA

Central Committee for organizing opening ceremony of Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) meets

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan—Construction of International Standard Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) is underway near Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) which were built in accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State. It is nearing completion and arrangements are being made to open the garden soon.

The first work coordination meeting of Central Committee for organizing opening ceremony of Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw)

was held at Inngyin Hall of Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry this morning, with an address by Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung.

After hearing reports on preparations for organizing the opening ceremony on a grand scale presented by Chairman of the central committee the director-general of Forest Department and the joint-secretary and on work progress by responsible persons of MRT Construction Co., the minister gave



Minister Thura U Myint Maung receives Ambassador Archbishop Giovanni d' Anirillo of Apostolic Nunciature (Embassy of Holy See) of Thailand.—MNA

necessary instructions.

Rare animals from Africa, Australia and Asia will be available at Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw). As the Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) is close to already-built Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and

Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) plans are underway for the Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) not only to be a garden for public relax and recreation but also to be a zone with interesting places.

MNA

MES to hold annual meeting on 9 January

YANGON, 7 Jan — An annual meeting of Myanmar Engineering Society will be held in conjunction with ceremonies to confer AFEO Honorary Fellowship/ AER titles and to present certificates of honour to wellwishers at MES Building at 8 am on 9 January.

As new CEC members will be elected at the annual meeting, members and associates are to cast vote for new CEC members. So they have to carry their annual fee-paid membership cards in order to draw ballot papers. Those who have not paid the annual fee for 2010 may pay the fee at the office on 7, 8 and 9 January. For further information, dial 519676. — MNA

The banking & finance course is intended for those interested and working in banking service. Marketing Management course covers marketing strategy, advertising & promotion, customer relation management.

For more information, contact BCB Centre, at Room No. 405, Panchan Tower, No.8, at the corner of Bhgara Street and Dhammazed Street, Myaynigon, Sangyoung, Ph: 538531, E-mail: bcbcentre@mptmail.com.mm, bcbcentre009@gmail.com.

MNA



Minister U Thein Aung addresses work coordination meeting of Central Committee for organizing opening ceremony of Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).

MNA

Banking and marketing courses at BCB

YANGON, 7 Jan—Business Capacity Building (BCB) Centre founded by Myanmar Business Executives (MBE) Network will open courses on essential knowledge on banking and finance and marketing management in coming week.

Brazil to launch new anti-poverty programme

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Jan — Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, who made poverty reduction a top priority, will launch a new programme to coordinate nationwide anti-poverty actions, officials said on Thursday.

Modelled after the Growth Acceleration Programme (PAC) launched in 2007 to improve infrastructure projects, the programme was aimed at helping the poor overcome financial difficulties and reduce reliance on state welfare funds, Minister for Social Development Tereza Campello told reporters.

It will not just include the

government's wealth transfer initiatives, but also contain a comprehensive government agenda to alleviate poverty in broader spectrums, she added.

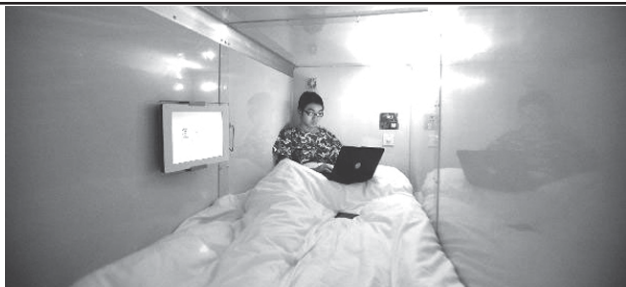
"We will not attack poverty with only wealth transference policies. We have an agenda of social and productive inclusion, of expanding the public services network, sanitation, water, health, education and professional qualification," Campello said.

Before the programme's official launch later this year, several meetings were scheduled to work out the details, she said.

Xinhua



Imperial stormtroopers from the movie Star Wars take up positions at the Panasonic booth the Blu-ray release of the complete Star Wars movie saga during the first day of the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada on 6 Jan, 2011. XINHUA



A staff member tries the bed at a "capsule inn" in Shanghai, east China, on 6 Jan, 2010. A "capsule inn" covering an area of more than 300 square meters with 68 cuboids where guests could rest will open near Shanghai Railway Station soon.—XINHUA

Explosive attack damages 50 houses in Colombia

BOGOTA, 7 Jan — At least 50 houses were damaged by an explosive attack at 12:20 am local time (0520 GMT) Thursday, in Neiva, capital of Huila, southwestern Colombia, local police head Julio Alvarado said.

Alvarado told reporters that the attack did not kill anyone.

As policemen arrived, they found a second explosive package that was deactivated four hours later. The attack on Thursday is the third with explosives in Neiva this year. During this week,

unidentified people threw grenades against houses or shops in different areas of Neiva, which left a child wounded.

There is a reward of 100 million Colombian pesos, or around 50,000 US dollars, for the one who help find the criminals, Constanza Sastoque, secretary of government of Huila said.

During an interview with a local radio, Sastoque said that everything points to the urban cells of the Colombia Revolutionary Forces that are looking to extorting businessmen.—Xinhua

Town councilor wounded by gunman in S Philippines

COTABATO CITY, 7 Jan—A gunman shot and critically injured a town councilor late Thursday in the restive southern Philippines, police said Friday.

Mas Talib Alejo, councilor of Isabela City in the island Province of Basilan, was heading home around 7:00 pm when he was attacked and wounded by an armed man, said regional police commander Chief Superintendent Beinvenido Latag.

Alejo was seriously wounded, Latag said, adding the police is investigating the incident.

Basilan is a known bailiwick of Abu Sayyaf group, which has links with external terrorist organizations such as Al-Qaeda and perpetrated a number of high-profile attacks, including kidnapping, bombing and beheading.

Xinhua

No bomb found on board Swiss Air passenger plane

ISTANBUL, 7 Jan—Turkish security forces did not find any explosives on a Swiss Air passenger plane at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport on Thursday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The security forces searched the plane after a passenger found a warning note in a toilet at the airport's International Flights Terminal, claiming a bomb on board the Swiss Air plane.

The plane was scheduled to take off from the Ataturk Airport for Zurich at 5:15 pm (1515 GMT) with its 190 passengers. It is expected to leave for Swiss later in the day, according to the report.

Xinhua



A farmer measures a big daikon she has harvested in east China's Zhejiang Province, on 6 Jan, 2010. The two daikons weigh 6.2 and 5.75 kilograms respectively. XINHUA

Chemical leak sickens 62 in east China

HEFEI, 7 Jan—A chemical leak sickened 62 people Thursday at a pharmaceutical plant in east China's Anhui Province, the local government said Friday.

The victims, all of whom were workers of the Wanbei Pharmaceutical Co Ltd in Suzhou City, fell ill after inhaling fumes from the highly toxic solid phosgene,

also known as triphosgene or BTC, that leaked from a laboratory at around 4:30 pm Thursday, said Zhu Hai, an official in charge of the city government's emergency response office.

Zhu said 37 workers were still being treated in hospital as of Friday afternoon, of whom eight were in critical condition.

He said the provincial health bureau in Hefei had sent a 10-member expert panel to join the rescue work. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Solid phosgene is a white crystal used widely in the biomedical industry. It is used in the production of pesticide and herbicide, as well as antibiotics and pain-killers.

Xinhua



Harbour seals wait for food in ice water at a bay in a scenic area of Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 7 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

Ice prompts state of emergency in German capital

BERLIN, 7 Jan—Berlin's fire brigade declared a weather state of emergency on Thursday after more than 180 people were injured due to falls on black ice and airports in Germany's capital were forced to cancel flights.

"The fire brigade declared a state of emergency at 0840 (local time) due to black ice and the increased number of rescue missions related to it," the fire brigade said on its website.

It said it had received about 50 percent more rescue calls regarding injured persons than normal. Ice also caused traffic accidents elsewhere in the country.

Trains and public transport were delayed during rush hour and pedestrians took to the streets to avoid slippery pavements. No planes departed from or landed at Berlin's Tegel International Airport for two hours in the morning and 15 flights were cancelled.

There were also delays at Schoenefeld Airport as the airfields had to be cleared of ice. Normal service should be restored by the afternoon, an airport spokesman said.

MNA/Reuters

Poison found to be common killer in Australia

CANBERRA, 7 Jan—A news research on Thursday found poison is the second high cause of accidental deaths in Australia, claiming more lives than those who died from falls, choking and drowning combined.

The top causes of accidental death in Australia have been analyzed in The Year of Living Dangerously report, released by Suncorp Life on Thursday. It broke down 2008 data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and identified five categories: roads, poisoning, falls, drowning and choking.

According to the *Australia Associated Press*, the report showed

road accidents were by far the biggest risk, representing 54 percent of all fatal accidents.

Almost 2300 people died by accident in 2008, 25 percent of which were poisoned while 11 percent fell to their death. Only six percent drowned and four percent choked to death.

On a state-by-state basis, using an average of accidental deaths per capita, the report found New South Wales to be the safest state.

Western Australia was found to be the most dangerous, followed by South Australia, Queensland and Victoria. —Xinhua



Fireworks explode at the opening ceremony of the 27th Harbin Ice Festival at the Harbin Ice and Snow World in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 5 Jan, 2011. Thousands of tourists visited the Ice and Snow World in Harbi Wednesday.—XINHUA



A model displays a Palestinian dress during a fashion show in the West Bank City of Ramallah on 5 Jan, 2011. Models displayed ten handmade traditional dresses during a fashion show for keeping the Palestinian heritage. XINHUA

Spain's "El Nino" lottery hands out \$1.1 billion

MADRID, 7 Jan—Spain's second most important lottery Thursday dished out euro840 million (\$1.1 billion) in new year joy across a country struggling to emerge from recession, with the top prize tickets being sold in a working class area of Madrid.

Dozens of people in the Ascao District took to the streets to dance, sing and drink sparkling wine after it became known that a lottery office in the area sold all the tickets with the top prize number 70013 in the draw known as "El Nino" (The Child).

"I am very happy to have sold this prize," Lottery office manager Jose Luis Nieto said as he drank in celebration. "To tell the truth it's very welcome because there is a lot of need."

Ticket holders with the winning number shared euro120 million (\$158 million). How many people had the winning tickets was not immediately known but it was likely to run into the hundreds.

Internet

Germany closes 4,700 farms in dioxin scare

BERLIN, 7 Jan — Germany's states have ordered the closure of more than 4,700 farms across the country as a precautionary measure following a scare over dioxin contamination, the agriculture ministry said late Thursday.

"4,709 farms and exploitations are currently closed," including 4,468 in the state of Lower Saxony, northwest Germany, said the ministry statement summarising the actions of regional authorities.

Until the farms have been checked and found to be clear of contamination of dioxin, which can cause cancer, they will not be allowed to make any deliveries. State officials applied the ban on deliveries to any businesses involved in the production of the fodder at the centre of the scare, said the agriculture ministry in Berlin.



"This strategy explains the high number of closures," but the bans should be progressively lifted in the coming days once tests had been carried out, the ministry added. It was in Lower Saxony that 2,500 out of the 3,000 tonnes of contaminated fatty acids at the centre of the alert were delivered in November and December, where they were used as animal fodder.—Internet

Helicopters rescue 160 stranded skiers in Austria

VIENNA, 7 Jan—Police say helicopters and emergency crews rescued about 160 skiers and snowboarders stuck on a defective chairlift in western Austria.

Most of them were winched down to the ground but 17 had to be attached by cables to helicopters and flown out because of the rugged terrain below

them.

The crews were called into the Gruenau-Kaesberg ski area on Wednesday after one chairlift lurched to a stop.

Officials say no one was hurt in the rescue operation but several people had to be treated for shock.

Internet

One hiker rescued, five still missing in S China tourism region

NANNING, 6 Jan—Police in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region said Thursday that one of the 6 hikers, who had been missing since Friday, has been rescued, but the rest are still missing.

Ten hikers were initially reported missing, police said, adding the number was later fixed at six.

Zou Changxin, one of the hikers, was found Wednesday in a village in Dao County. Zou and other hikers were touring the Qianjiadong tourism site, Guanyang County, before they went missing.

Rescuers are still searching for the missing.

They made several plans to search for the missing hikers, said a county official, adding the freezing weather and sleet hampered the rescue efforts.

Xinhua



Handcuffed and ankles-bound Justino Sanchez Diaz from the Puerto Rican town of Florida is wheeled into court in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, on 3 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Puerto Rico town struggles to heal from fatal fire

FLORIDA (Puerto Rico), 7 Jan—They ran out of the house one by one, several of them bald and nearly naked, their hair and clothes burned off in a New Year's blaze that police say was set by a relative wielding kerosene and a homemade torch.

"Everyone came out yelling, 'He's crazy! He's crazy!'" neighbour Viviana Bruno, 31, told *The Associated Press* as she

recalled the fire that claimed five lives and critically injured several people. "It was like a horror movie," she said.

The first person out of the two-storey home nestled near the mountains of the central Puerto Rican town of Florida was Samuel Molina.

He ran across the street to his house, where Bruno and other neighbours laid him down on the cool tile

floor, opened a hose and poured water on him.

"Don't let me die," he kept saying," Bruno said. Molina was the first to die. Also dead is the suspect's elderly mother, his teenage niece and his nephew, Jesus Sanchez, who recently became engaged and had flown from Seattle with his fiancée, 25-year-old Kate Donahue, so his family could meet her.—Internet

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MV DELIGHT VOY NO (145)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOY NO (145) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(6) 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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**Los Angeles
tourism recovers
with more
visitors in 2010**

LOS ANGELES, 7 Jan— More people visited Los Angeles last year, an indication that local tourism is rebounding from a recession caused by economic downturn, authorities said Thursday.

The city saw some 25.7 million visitors last year, up from 23.8 million in 2009, according to the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau, also known as LA Inc, a private nonprofit business association acting as the city's official tourism marketing agency.

Among last year's total, 5.5 million were foreign tourists, up 20.7 from that of 2009, while number of domestic travelers also increased 5 percent year on year.

Xinhua

**Experts create
clever packaging**

GLASGOW, 7 Jan — Scientists have developed a type of food packaging which can tell people when food is starting to go off. Researchers at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow said their "intelligent" plastic indicator changes colour when the food is about to lose its freshness.— *Internet*

**Lethal drugs exported
from driving school**

GLASGOW, 7 Jan — Drugs used for lethal injections in the US were supplied by a pharmaceutical company run from the back of a driving school in Acton, London, it was revealed yesterday.

Dream Pharma exported drugs to Arizona State Prison at a cost of £4,528 (5,384 euro). Legal charity Reprieve said this was enough to kill at least 10 prisoners, and it called for urgent action to ban the export of drugs used in executions.— *Internet*

*Artists from Royal
Russian Ballet present
the Swan Lake in
Wenling, east China's
Zhejiang Province,
on 6 Jan, 2011.*

XINHUA



**US student used father's gun
in Omaha school attack**

OMAHA, 7 Jan — A US student who shot two school officials, killing one, had been suspended for 19 days just before the attack, officials have said. Robert Butler, who killed himself after the attack at his Nebraska school, had just been punished for driving over the school football pitch. Police said the gun he used belonged to his father, an Omaha police detective.

No other students were injured in the attack. The school principal is in hospital and is expected to survive. Robert, 17, had recently transferred to Millard South High School in Omaha from Lincoln, another city where he had lived with his mother, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported.—*Internet*

**Las Vegas girl, 13, booked for jaywalking
while still in coma after car hit**

LAS VEGAS, 7 Jan — A 13-year-old girl left in a coma after a car accident was issued a jaywalking ticket in the hospital by Las Vegas police.

The mother of Takara Davis, who remained in a medically-induced coma today, slammed the officials who handed her the ticket for her daughter as the child was being rushed into the operating theatre,

according to the report by KVVU.

"That was not the time or place to come and hand me a jaywalking ticket for my child," Kellie Obong said. "How cold could you really be?" Ms Obong, a cab driver, said her daughter was trying to keep up with friends on Thursday as they crossed the street when she was hit by the oncoming car. — *Internet*

**Retired couple win \$190m
in Mega Millions**

OLYMPIA, 7 Jan — A retiree who almost died three times from heart attacks stepped forward on Thursday as the winner of half a \$380 million US Mega Millions lottery drawing. Jim McCullar, a retired Boeing Co aerospace worker from Ephrata, Wash, joked at a news conference at state lottery headquarters in Olympia he was so stunned when he saw on TV he'd won \$190 million that his wife Carolyn thought he might have had another heart attack.

"I was pale and shaking," he said. "And she said, 'Are you OK?' And I said, 'Yeah, I'm perfect.'" McCullar said he and his wife were scared at first to collect their winnings — half of the second-largest jackpot in US lottery history — saying he felt like "a field mouse" with hawks circling overhead, CNN reported. "All we saw were predators and we were afraid to do anything until we got down here with police protection," said McCullar, 68, who has six adult children.

Internet



Cooks of Quanjude Restaurant show a molecule dish in Beijing, capital of China, on 6 Jan, 2011. Quanjude, a famous roast duck restaurant released molecule dishes on Thursday. Molecular gastronomy can preserve more nutrition of the food.— XINHUA



Clowns greet children at the gate of the Bioparco Zoo in Rome, Italy, on 5 Jan, 2011. Founded on 5 Jan, 1911, the zoo celebrated the centennial of its inauguration on Wednesday. Being one of the oldest zoos in Europe, the Bioparco Zoo currently hosts over 1,000 animals, belonging to over 200 different species.— XINHUA

**Smell of a woman's tears
a turn off for libidinous men**

LONDON, 7 Jan — Smelling the tears of a woman can quell a man's sexual desire, according to a study that determined female crying can have a direct chemical impact on male libido. Scientists have found evidence to suggest that tears from a weeping woman contain a chemical signal that can have a subconscious effect on a man's sexual desire, even if he is not a witness to the crying.

The findings suggest a functional role for crying in humans, who are unique in the animal kingdom by expressing emotion with weeping eyes. Crying among women may be a way of controlling male desire and sexual aggression. Biologists have never been able to come up with a satisfactory reason for the emotional tears produced during crying.

Although tears were obviously being used as an emotional signal, there was no obvious function attached to them, said the scientists, from the Weissmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel.

Internet

Hitler exhibit in Berlin extended due to popularity



A visitor to the German History Museum in Berlin rides the escalator in front of a poster advertising the exhibition "Hitler and the Germans, nation and crime" in October 2010.

Germany's first postwar exhibition devoted to Nazi dictator

Adolf Hitler has been extended by three weeks due to popular demand, the German Historical Museum (DHM) said on Thursday.

Over the past three months, more than 170,000 visitors have flocked to "Hitler and the Germans", which explores the links between German society and Hitler's rise to power in 1933.

"There has been great interest among Germans and also international tourists," museum spokesman Rudolf Trabold said. "There have been lots of visitors from all over Europe."

The exhibition will now run to 27 February, the DHM said.

Finnish court fines nipple sucking doctor

A Finnish doctor who said he sucked a patient's nipple in line with an old midwives' diagnostic trick has been fined for subjecting the 20-year-old woman to a "sexual act", a court said.

Two lower courts earlier ruled that the doctor, who insisted he had obtained the patient's permission, had not committed a crime.

But overturning those rulings, the Finnish Supreme Court said in a statement that the hospital doctor had been sentenced to "a fine and compensation for sexually taking advantage of a patient and violation of his professional duty."

The doctor said that he merely used the technique to diagnose a



A midwife examines a pregnant woman at a maternity ward.

medical problem in accordance with the long-established midwives' practice during a 2007 appointment for an ultrasound breast exam.

News Album

At 80, world's oldest clown has no plans to quit

At 80, the world's oldest clown has given up tightrope walking but Oleg Popov, the most famous Soviet-era jester, still tours half of the year and has no plans to hang up his trademark red nose.

"The Sun Clown", as he is also known, never fails to enthrall young and old with his oddball character based on a figure from Russian folklore — one who appears stupid but really isn't.

"I love to make people laugh, also in private," the Russian told *AFP* on a recent tour in The Hague, laughter sparkling in his lively blue eyes.

"I am very happy — if I could live my life over I would become a clown all over again."



Russian clown Oleg Popov (left) performs with his assistant Volodimir Fisenko during his show "Big Christmas Circus The Hague" in December.

Bullet bounces off cellphone

Atlanta police said a nightclub valet's life may have been saved by his cellphone when a bullet fired by a gunman ricocheted off the device.

Investigators said the Halo club valet parking attendant had his phone in his breast pocket shortly before 3 am Thursday when a pair of gunmen, who witnesses said were kicked out of the club, fired off several rounds, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported.

Police said the victim was treated for minor injuries at the scene and two men with handguns in their vehicle were arrested a short time later. The names of the suspects and the victim were not released by authorities.



LaToya Jackson arrives for the preliminary hearing for Michael Jackson's doctor Conrad Murray, charged in the death of the singer, at Los Angeles Superior Court on 6 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

3rd witness says frantic Jackson doc gathered meds

LOS ANGELES, 7 Jan—Prosecutors called a third witness Thursday who described frantic efforts by the doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death to gather medication from the floor of the bedroom where the singer died after receiving intravenous doses of a powerful anesthetic.

Paramedic Martin Blount testified at a preliminary hearing that Dr Conrad Murray scooped up three vials of the painkiller lidocaine moments after the doctor said he hadn't given the superstar any medications.

In addition, Blount and Richard Senneff, another experienced paramedic, said Murray never mentioned giving Jackson the anesthetic propofol and told them the singer lost consciousness moments before 911 was called.—*Internet*

Mike Tyson, pigeon fancier, gets his own TV show

LOS ANGELES, 7 Jan—Mike Tyson — heavyweight boxing champion, convicted rapist, occasional actor and, it seems, top-flight pigeon fancier.

Tyson, 44, the boxer who famously bit off part of Evander Holyfield's ear in a 1997 bout, shows a gentler side of himself in an upcoming TV show as a man with a lifelong passion for raising pigeons.

Not just common or garden pigeons, but racing pigeons. Or as Tyson puts it "the creme de la creme of the pigeon world. These are thoroughbred pigeons. Pigeons were mens' first feathered friends".

"Taking on Tyson", which comes to the Animal Planet cable TV channel in March, is a six-part documentary in which the former world heavyweight champion returns to his Brooklyn neighbourhood to race pigeons.—*Reuters*

US judge zaps Harry Potter plagiarism suit

NEW YORK, 7 Jan—A US federal judge dismissed a lawsuit alleging the wildly successful Harry Potter books were plagiarized from a story from a little-known British author.

The suit filed in New York against the publisher of the JK Rowling books had argued the stories were inspired by Adrian Jacobs's "The Adventures of Willy the Wizard No 1 Livid Land," published in 1987.

Judge Shira Sheindlin wrote that there were major differences between the works, contrary to claims that Rowling had borrowed from Jacobs's book for "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."—*Internet*



A young girl is seen here taking a look at the cover of 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' during the book's launch at a Barnes and Noble Booksellers in Alexandria, Virginia, in 2000.

INTERNET

Bjork in karaoke marathon against energy takeover

REYKJAVIK, 7 Jan—Iceland's megastar Bjork launched a three-day karaoke marathon on Thursday with the aim of drawing attention to the protection of natural resources and her bid to stop the takeover of an energy firm, she told reporters.

The singer's karaoke marathon was set to go on from 3:00 pm (1500 GMT) to midnight (0000 GMT) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Bjork said she hoped the marathon would bring more people to sign a petition calling for a referendum on the ownership of natural resources.

Internet



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Real make Spanish Cup last eight despite defeat

MADRID, 7 Jan — Real Madrid, cushioned by an 8-0 first leg lead, secured their place in the Spanish Cup quarter-finals on Thursday despite a 2-0 defeat



Real Madrid's Brazilian midfielder Kaka(R) is tackled by a Levante midfielder during the Spanish King's Cup 2nd-leg football match at Levante.— INTERNET

in the return match at Levante. Levante's two second-half goals by Xisco Nadal and Sergio Gonzalez were not enough to overturn Real's huge advantage secured over the Valencia-based side last month and the Spanish giants pushed through 8-2 on aggregate.

Last season's runners-up Atletico Madrid, who took a 1-0 lead to Espanyol, made it through to the last eight after clinching a 1-1 draw to wrap up a 2-1 aggregate win. Betis ended the hopes of top-flight Getafe with a 3-1 win that overturned the Madrid's club's 2-1 advantage from last month's first leg. The Seville-based side are now the only lower-tier club left in the competition.—Internet

Asian Football Confederation chief wins new term

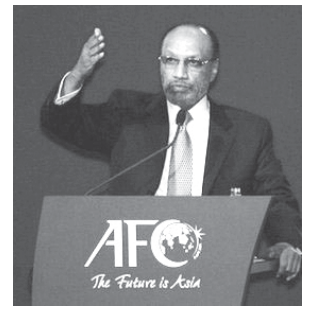
DOHA, 7 Jan — Mohamed Bin Hammam won a new four-year term as Asian Football Confederation president on Thursday and vowed to take the game to a new level.

The Qatari, who has been in the job since 2002, was elected unopposed until 2015 at the AFC Congress in Doha ahead of the Asian Cup which kicks off on Friday. Touted as a potential successor to Sepp Blatter as head of

FIFA, Bin Hammam has been instrumental in changing the face of Asian football.

The 61-year-old FIFA executive committee member is seen as a moderniser who has overseen the launch of the AFC Champions League and the admission of Australia into the confederation. His dream is to see leagues in Asia run as professionally as their European counterparts.

"My strong belief in the passion for football in



Mohamed Bin Hammam

Asia and the potential of Asian football made me announce my desire to lead this Confederation more than eight years ago," he said.—Internet

AC Milan frees Ronaldinho to play in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Jan — Ronaldinho announced here on Thursday that AC Milan has freed him to seek a transfer to clubs in his native Brazil, though his contract with the Italian team still remained in force. "We have signed an agreement with Milan, and today I am free to continue my life here in Brazil," the 30-year-old star player told a media conference in Rio de Janeiro.

AC Milan's vice president Adriano Galliani, at his side, acknowledged that "in principle" the club had accepted Ronaldinho's request to play outside Italy. But he



Brazilian football player Ronaldinho

added: "I want to make it clear that Milan has not ended the contract with Ronaldinho.... Ronaldinho has a full agreement with Milan. We will see what is the best decision for him." Ronaldinho's current contract with Milan runs to June this year.

Internet

SPORTS

Podolski named skipper at struggling Cologne

COLOGNE, 7 Jan — Germany international striker Lukas Podolski was named the new captain of struggling Bundesliga side Cologne on Thursday, succeeding defender



Germany international striker Lukas Podolski

Youssef Mohamad. "It's a great honour for me to become captain and it's an enormous challenge," said the 25-year-old, after being handed the armband at his childhood club by coach Frank Schaefer. Cologne are third from bottom in the Bundesliga and firmly in the relegation zone having sacked previous coach Zvonimir Soldo in October and general manager Michael Meier in November.— Internet

Suffering Nadal joins Federer in Qatar semis



World number one Rafael Nadal of Spain

DOHA, 7 Jan — Rafael Nadal overcame Ernests Gulbis and his continuing bout of fever with a courageous performance to reach the semi-finals of the Qatar Open here on Thursday. Nadal's 7-6 (7/3), 6-3 win over Gulbis, a gifted but unpredictable Latvian ranked just outside the top

20, means that he is within one win of another episode of his great rivalry with Roger Federer.

But the holder of three of the four Grand Slam titles could not capitalise on a good start, lacked his usual overwhelming physicality, and often left the ball in short, attackable positions for a hard-hitting opponent. Indeed after relinquishing a 3-1 lead in the first set there seemed to be doubts about whether Nadal, who has been on antibiotics, would last if it developed into a long tough tussle.

Nadal called for the doctor, apparently feeling unwell. He was told to drink more and that if he didn't feel better soon he might then think about whether or not he wanted to continue. That caused Nadal to call out rather alarmingly "water, water, water", but although his performance remained below par, he always seemed the likely winner after surviving the tie-breaker.— Internet

Woods, Golf Digest end 13-year relationship

KAPALUA, 7 Jan — Tiger Woods has one less endorsement deal, ending his 13-year relationship with golf's biggest magazine when they couldn't agree on how many hours he should devote to the job.

Golf Digest, with a circulation of 1.65 million, announced on Thursday the mutual end of a relationship that began at the 1997 Masters. He made his debut in the magazine in June that year, and the endorsement had been his second-longest, behind Nike.

"We appreciate the insights Tiger has provided to our readers," Jerry Tarde, chairman and editor-in-chief of the publication, said in a statement. Woods'

articles mainly were instructional tips. Golf Digest never disclosed terms of the deal, although it was believed to be among the smallest financially for Woods — no more than \$2 million a year. The value came from exposure, along with some content provided for Woods' website.— Internet



Tiger Woods

Keegan doubtful over Beckham EPL return

LONDON, 7 Jan — Kevin Keegan has said it would be a "big ask" for David Beckham to make a successful return to the Premier League and regain his place in the England national side. Beckham, now with the LA Galaxy, is reported to be keen on a loan move ahead of the start of the Major League Soccer season, with Tottenham Hotspur leading the chase, as he bids to regain fitness following an Achilles tendon injury.

But Keegan, who managed Beckham when in charge of the England side more than a decade ago, questioned whether the 35-year-old former Manchester United midfielder would still be able to cut it in English football's top flight. "Playing for England again, playing back in the Premier League, that'd be a big ask, I think," Keegan, now a pundit with satellite broadcaster ESPN, said on Thursday.

However, Keegan said he could see Beckham becoming involved in the England backroom set-up even though the Football Association have denied they are lining him up as a coach when Fabio Capello quits as manager. "Can he be a coach? Of course he can," Keegan said.— Internet



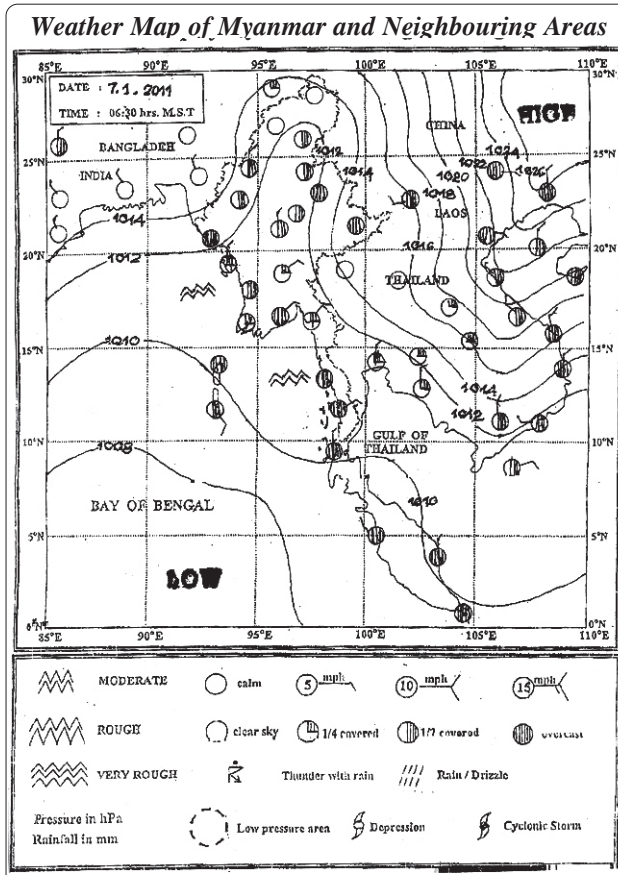
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Byrd, Pettersson share first-round lead

KAPALUA, 7 Jan — Jonathan Byrd and Carl Pettersson didn't miss a beat in the PGA Tour opener Thursday, both enjoying the views and surprisingly calm conditions in the Tournament of Champions to share the lead at 7-under 66. That wasn't the case for others. Kapalua was missing its two-time defending champion when Geoff Ogilvy had to withdraw with 12 stitches in his right finger, making him the first defending champ in 50 years to miss the winners-only event. Stuart Appleby was missing his putter. — Internet



Jonathan Byrd follows his drive from the third tee during the first round of the Hyundai Tournament of Champions golf tournament in Kapalua, Hawaii on 6 Jan, 2011.— INTERNET



WEATHER

Friday, 7th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Northern Shan State and Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Rakhine States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperature were (4°C) below January average temperature in Kachin State, (5°C) below January average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, (5°C) above January average temperatures in Chin and Shan States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Putao (3°C), Machanbaw (4°C) and Katha (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Lashio (0.04) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 6-1-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 7-1-2011 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-1-2011 was (82%). Rainfall on 7-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 6-1-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 7-1-2011 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-1-2011 was (69%). Total sunshine hours on 6-1-2011 was (9.2) hours. Rainfall on 7-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-

Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 6-1-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the North and West central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 8th January 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of thesea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-1-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-1-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Weather Outlook Second Weekend Of January 2011: During the coming weekend, Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region and likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon Region.

China to increase installed power capacity by 500 mln kW over next 5 years

BEIJING, 7 Jan — China plans to increase its installed power generation capacity by 500 million kilowatts over the coming five years, a State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC) official said Friday. China's installed electricity capacity had reached 960 million kilowatts at the end of 2010, SGCC general manager Liu Zhenya said at the company's annual work meeting in Beijing.

The company's revenues increased 22.4 percent year on year to 1.5 trillion yuan (226.59 billion US dollars) in 2010, Liu said. From 2006 to 2010, SGCC's investment in its power grid topped 1.2 trillion yuan, exceeding the total investment during the previous 56 years, since the founding of the People's Republic of China, he said.—Xinhua



A worker dries coconuts on a roadside at the coastal region of Chellanam, about 30 km (19 miles) from the southern Indian City of Kochi on 7 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (8-1-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am~11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	8-1-11 09:30 am ~ 9-1-11 09:30 am MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mrauk U, Treasure Trove of Rakhine Culture
- * News
- * Record Album
- * Organic Farm in Inlay Lake
- * News
- * Youth of the Future "Drummer"
- * News
- * Painting Competition

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- * Min Sone Hill and its Star Tortoises
- * Feel-Pretty....in a Rawan Outfit
- * News
- * The Making of a Myanmar Saung(Harp)
- * Traditional Folk Weaving Works
- * Bagan's Mural Arts
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Foods (Aung Thu Kha Myanmar Rice Meal)
- * News
- * Beikthano The Ancient Glory of Myanmar
- * Myanmar Movie "The True Love"

Myanmar

TV

Saturday, 8 January
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Poem Garden

8:00 am

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:15 am

8. Musical Programme

8:25 am

9. Teleplay (Traffic)

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Local Talent

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Game For Children

11:50 am

4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:50 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

1:05 pm

6. TV Drama Series

1:55 pm

7. Mahowthada

2:25 pm

8. Dance Of National Races

2:35 pm

9. Song Varieties

2:50 pm

10. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Cultural Dances

4:30 pm

4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Myanmar)

4:45 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. Musical Programme

5:10 pm

7. International Science News

5:25 pm

8. Documentary

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai

6:35 pm

12. Yindagomae

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. Cartoon Series

18. TV Drama Series

19. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

- ★ 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

Thuta San Eain library to enlighten Aleywa villagers

NYAUNGLEBIN, 7 Jan—The opening of the new building of Thuta San Eain library took place in Aleywa Village, Nyaunglebin Township on 26 December. Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Thiha Soe, Staff Officer Daw Ni Ni Win of Township Information and Public

Relations Department and village PDC Chairman U Zaw Naing formally opened the new building. The township PDC chairman and officials made speeches. After that, the township IPRD and township Writers and Journalists Association made publication donation.—*TOWNSHIP IPRD*

New BEMS (Branch) emerges in Kangyi village of Pale Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan — Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day, the opening of Basic Education Middle School (branch) was held at Kangyi Village in Pale Township of Sagaing Region on 29 December.

Township Chairman U Aung Kyaw Soe, Township Education Officer U Htain Min and village Chairman U Maung Soe formally opened the school. Next, the headmistress accepted K 1 million donated by a wellwisher for the school funds and presented the commemorative pennant and a wall clock to the education officer.— *MNA*



Photo shows Pyaingchaung Dam in Kyauktaw Township of Rakhine State that supplies irrigation and drinking water to local people.—MYANMA ALIN

Untimely rainfall

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announcement today that according to observation at 12.30 hrs M.S.T. today, under the influence of eastern disturbances, rain are likely to be isolated in Rakhine, Shan, Kayin, Mon States and Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions within next 72 hours commencing this evening. *MNA*

Significant night temperatures (7-1-2011)

Putao	(3°C)
Machanbaw	(4°C)
Katha	(5°C)