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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road linking Taikkyi and Bago commissioned into service

YANGON, 8 Jan—Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than together with Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and region/district/township departmental officials attended the opening ceremony for Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago tar road held at milepost No. 0/2 on the road today.

Undertaken by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction, the newly constructed Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road linking Taikkyi of Yangon Region and Bago of Bago Region is 42 miles and seven furlongs long which is the first of seven roads across Yoma mountain range.

The commander and the minister made speeches. A local spoke words of thanks.

Next, the commander and the minister greeted the local people in a cordial manner.

The minister and officials concerned formally opened the road.

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Photo shows a road section of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road.

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9th Myanmar ICT Week kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—The 9th Myanmar ICT Week kicked off today at Yatanarpon Cyber Hall in Yatanarpon Cyber City, PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of

Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd, personnel of ICT companies at home and abroad, departmental personnel and members of social organizations.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Myanmar e-national Task Force Minister for

Week was held with a view to achieving progress of the nation and improvement of socio-economic life of citizens through ICT, and enabling Myanmar youths to keep up with latest technologies around the world.

Next, the commander, the minister and Mandalay Mayor formally opened the ceremony and visited booths of ICT companies at home and



Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung and ministers view the booths at 9th Myanmar ICT Week in Yatanarpon Cyber Hall.—MNA

Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, ministers, deputy ministers, Mandalay Mayor, PyinOoLwin Station Commander, executives of Myanmar Computer Federation, directors from

Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw said that modern exchange, national-level Yatanarpon Web Portal, and Yatanarpon Technological University were opened in Yatanarpon Cyber City in 2010; that the 9th ICT

abroad. The 9th Myanmar ICT will be going on till 12 January during which twenty-six companies are displaying communication and electronic devices at 30 booths.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Extend fish breeding

With the burgeoning global population, daily food for human consumption has always been necessary. So, each and every nation is expanding their agricultural and livestock breeding business to ensure food security.

Rich in marine and terrestrial resources, Myanmar is extending cultivation acreage, sea and fresh water fish breeding and sea fishing.

The digging of more fish ponds has resulted in domestic self-sufficiency as well as surpluses for exports. As the country is teeming with rivers and creeks, it is in a position to enjoy abundant marine products. Moreover, Myanmar with its vast stretches of coastlines engages in sea fishing on a commercial scale.

Private national entrepreneurs have been granted permission to engage in onshore and offshore fishing in accord with the laws and rules. There have now been 200,000 acres of fish ponds, up from 6300 acres in 1988.

With the extended digging of fish ponds, the local people have enjoyed more job opportunities, thereby improving their living conditions.

As modern fish breeding methods are being employed, more pedigree fish have emerged and hatching has become more successful. In raising fish, Ngamyitchin (Labeo rothita) is bred most and exported. Fish and prawns caught from Myanmar's waters is also exportable.

In short, Myanmar has earned more foreign exchange as it has been able to explore its marine products for local self-sufficiency and exports. The business therefore will boom if fish breeding tasks are to be extended with the use of modern techniques.

MFF to hold 11th AGM on 15 Jan

YANGON, 8 Jan—Under the leadership of Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries, Myanmar Fisheries Federation will hold its 11th annual general meeting at the federation, West Gyogon, Insein Township here at 9 am on 15 January.

The departmental officials of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, members of the federation, maritime entrepreneurs, experts and other responsible persons have been invited to the 11th AGM. There will be educative booths respecting maritime products.

The booths will be present at 8 am on 15 January. The sales programmes will start from 9 am to 5 pm 15 to 17 January daily.

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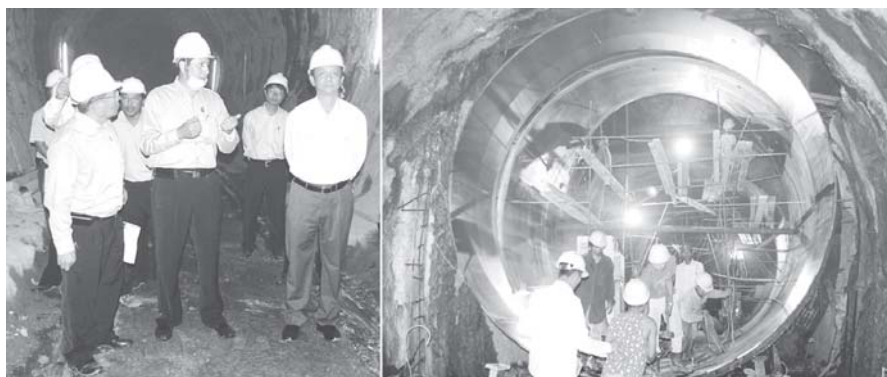
“Stories for Men” comes out

YANGON, 8 Jan—A book titled “Stories for Men” by Butalin Chitlay (1923-1994) has come out from Sabepwint Publishing House. The book

People's Desk

- * 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

EP-1 Minister visits Kunchaung Hydropower Project



EP-1 Minister U Zaw Min inspects Kunchaung Hydropower Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, together with Deputy Director-General U Maw Tha Htwe of Hydropower Implementation Project and personnel, visited Kunchaung Hydropower Project yesterday.

The project is located at Kunchaung Creek, 9 miles to the south-west of Pyu, Bago Region and is being constructed by No. 3 Construction Group. The minister inspected the progress of the project

and called personnel concerned for minimizing wastages, using quality materials, and timely completion of the project and stressed the need for security and safety measures.

Upon completion, the project, as equipped with three units of 20-megawatt generator, can provide 190 million kilowatts per hour a year and the project has so far completed by 92.46 per cent.—MNA

Cintra digital scale, AD digital gold quality assessing machine at discount



YANGON, 8 Jan—Cintra brand digital scale and AD brand digital gold quality assessing machine are now on display at Living with Technology Expo-2011, Yangon at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here from 8 to 10 January.

During the

exhibiting period, customers are offered discount on Cintra brand digital scale and AD brand gold quality assessing machine.

Sales centre for those products is at No. 71, Wadan Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-73040730, 09-5522123, 09-5143254 and 02-91000714).

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Cintra digital scale, AD digital gold quality assessing machine available at Living with Technology Expo-2011.—MNA

Nibban and Win Welding showroom crowded with customers in Living with Technology Expo-2011, Yangon.

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comprises 32 stories of writer, poet Butalin Chitlay who won literature award (poem category) by “Dancer and other poems” for 1962.

The book is the collection of stories he wrote in Chindwin Journal between 1964 and 1966.

It is available at Sabepwint Publishing House, No. 74, Sabechan 3rd Street, No. 11 Ward, Hline Township with unit price of K 2,000.

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Cold weather kills more in northern India

LUCKNOW, 8 Jan—Nearly two dozen more people have died due to cold weather in northern India in recent days despite government efforts to distribute firewood and blankets to the poor.

Ram Mohan Srivastav, a government official in worst-hit northern Uttar Pradesh state, said Saturday that at least 22 people had died there over the past three days, pushing the death toll from two weeks of near-freezing temperatures to 63.

At least 10 people have died from the cold in the capital, New Delhi, while six have died in Jharkhand state.

The temperature dipped below 37 degrees Fahrenheit (3 degrees Celsius) in parts of Uttar Pradesh this week, with



A worker covers himself in fabric meant for setting up a tent as he sits on the back of a truck, surrounded by morning fog in New Delhi, India, 8 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

welfare department workers distributing blankets and medicines to the poor and homeless.—*Internet*

Gunmen kill five in their Iraq home

BAGHDAD, 8 Jan—Gunmen shot dead five people, including the sister of an Iraqi policeman, in their beds in a house northeast of Baghdad early on Friday, a police official said.

The gunmen killed the policeman's sister, her husband's mother and father, their daughter and a child in their house in Husseiniya northeast of the capital, the official said.

The policeman had called his sister, who did not answer the phone.

He then went to the house and discovered she and the others had been killed, the official said.

The gunmen are suspected of having used silenced weapons because no one heard the shots.

It was unclear why the five were targeted, with the official saying an investigation had been launched into whether it was a "criminal or terrorist" act.

Also on Friday, two people were killed when

a car bomb demolished part of a house in the Sikak neighbourhood west of Nasiriyah, which is 305 kilometres (190 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

The circumstances of the explosion were unclear.

According to Iraq Body Count, an independent Britain-based group, 4,021 civilians were killed in violence in Iraq from 1 January to 30 December last year, a figure down from 4,680 in 2009.

Internet

Militancy on surge in Afghanistan



A paramedic assists a man, who was injured during a suicide bomb attack in Kandahar, Afghanistan, after he was brought to the District Hospital (DHQ) in Chaman in Pakistan's Balochistan Province, along the Afghan border 7 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

KABUL, 8 Jan—Taliban-link militancy and conflicts have got new impetus in war-battered Afghanistan as some 20 people including three NATO soldiers killed in a single day Friday.

Taliban birthplace

Kandahar province, some 450 km south of Afghan capital Kabul, experienced a bloody Friday, as a powerful suicide bombing claimed the lives of 18 people and injured 23 others.

Without tactic, militant,

targeting Afghan border police forces, blew himself up in a public bathroom in Spinboldak District of Kandahar Province, killing 17 people including a local police commander and 16 civilians.

"The enemies of peace and stability once again committed a horrible and inhuman act by targeting and killing one of our determined border police commander Ramazan and 16 other civilians," a statement issued by provincial administration office said on Friday.

Condemning the attack, the statement also confirmed 23 people including two border policemen were injured in the blast.

On the other hand, Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for Friday's suicide bombing in Kandahar.—*Internet*

US post office on alert as third package ignites

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—An envelope ignited at a post office in the US capital Friday, a day after suspect packages burst into flames in state government buildings in neighbouring Maryland, police said.

But Washington police chief Cathy Lanier would not confirm reports that Friday's letter was addressed to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

"As with yesterday, we're taking every possible precaution. Right now we don't have any other packages, but we're not taking anything for granted," she told a hastily-convened Press conference.

She said the package received at the post office in northeast Washington



FBI investigators gather outside a US postal facility where a letter reportedly "ignited" in Washington, DC.

INTERNET

had "been described as popping, smoking and with a brief flash of fire, and then it went out, extinguished itself."

The post office was evacuated and no one was injured, but the case has been linked to similar

incidents on Thursday when packages were sent to two Maryland government offices.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has already been brought in to probe the the booby-trapped packages.—*Internet*

US drone attack kills four in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 8 Jan—At least four people were killed and some others were injured Friday when a US drone fired missiles into northwest Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region, local sources said.

Four missiles were fired from the pilotless aircraft at a house and a vehicle suspected of carrying militants in Datta Khel area of North Waziristan, a place bordering Afghanistan and believed to be a stronghold of militants,

the sources said.

The latest strike is the fifth of its kind since the start of the new year. On 1 Jan, a string of four drone attacks in North Waziristan killed 19 people.

Since 2010, the United States has apparently stepped up drone strikes in North Waziristan, a Pakistani tribal region because the US considers a launching pad for attacks on the foreign troops across the border into Afghanistan.

Internet



Afghan policemen walk past a damaged police vehicle in their compound after a car bomb explosion in Kandahar south of Kabul recently.

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Taliban explosive device leader captured in S Afghanistan by NATO

KABUL, 8 Jan—Afghan and coalition forces detained a Taliban leader during a security operation in Zabul Province in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, according to a NATO news release here on Friday. The Taliban leader is an improvised explosive Device employer operating in Qalat district. He is responsible for employing explosive devices specifically targeting coalition-force vehicles in the district, NATO says.

Recent reporting indicates he wanted a video tape of suicide bombings in order to plan future suicide attacks against coalition forces.

Security forces followed leads to a targeted location in the district, where Afghan forces called for all occupants to exit out of the buildings peacefully before a search was conducted. The security team detained the targeted Taliban leader based on initial questioning at the scene.—*Xinhua*



Science

Space shuttle Discovery's mission delayed again



This image provided by NASA shows space shuttle Discovery with its external fuel tank being worked on and examined in the Vehicle Assembly Building at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.—INTERNET

Discovery's external fuel tank. Following a failed launch attempt in early November, cracks were found in metal struts of the massive tank. More cracks were discovered last week, after the shuttle was returned to its hangar. NASA is considering reinforcing all 108 struts on the central part of the tank for extra safety, NASA spokesman Allard Beutel said Friday. The initial cracks were so big that the insulating foam on top of the damaged struts, or so-called stringers, split open. That's NASA's main concern: Cracking could cause foam to break away during liftoff and slam into Discovery. Columbia ended up being destroyed in 2003 after a slab of foam gouged a wing.—Internet

Mass bird, fish deaths occur regularly

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—First, the blackbirds fell out of the sky on New Year's Eve in Arkansas. In recent days, wildlife have mysteriously died in big numbers: 2 million fish in the Chesapeake Bay, 150 tons of red tilapia in Vietnam, 40,000 crabs in Britain and other places across the world. Blogs connected the deadly dots, joking about the "aflockalypse" while others saw real signs of something sinister, either biblical or environmental. The reality, say biologists, is that these mass die-offs happen all the time and usually are unrelated. Federal records show they happen on average every other day somewhere in North America. Usually, we don't notice them and



The US Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Centre keeps a log on its website with reports of groups of birds dying each week, averaging from dozens to thousands.—INTERNET

don't try to link them to each other. "They generally fly under the radar," said ornithologist John Wiens, chief scientist at the California research institution PRBO Conservation Science. Since the 1970s, the US Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Centre in Wisconsin has tracked mass deaths among birds, fish and other critters, said wildlife disease specialist LeAnn White. At times the sky and the streams just turn deadly. Sometimes it's disease, sometimes pollution. Other times it's just a mystery. Internet

First clothing put at 170,000 years ago

GAINESVILLE, 8 Jan—A US researcher says his study of the evolution of lice shows modern humans started wearing clothing about 170,000 years ago. David Reed, associate curator of mammals at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the University of Florida campus, used DNA sequencing to calculate when clothing lice first began to diverge genetically from human head lice, *Science Daily* reported Friday. "We wanted to find another method for pinpointing when humans might have first started wearing clothing," Reed said. "Because they are so well adapted to clothing, we know that body lice or clothing lice almost certainly didn't exist until clothing came about in humans.—Internet

CAPE CANAVERAL, 8 Jan—Space shuttle Discovery's final flight keeps getting delayed. The space station delivery mission is now off until the end of February. NASA had been aiming for an early February liftoff, but managers decided Thursday to take more time to complete repairs to



Technology

New Dolby system looks to improve laptop sound

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—Dolby's new PC Entertainment Experience 4, or PPEv4, pushes the capacity of one of the weakest sound players on the planet: the laptop. Built into the new line of Acer Aspire Ethos computers, PPEv4 sounded great and didn't disappoint at CES this week. The PPEv4 has two levels, the mid-range Dolby Advanced Audio and the high-end Dolby Home Theater. The Home Theater is the one to watch, as it has several new tech abilities to make the sound better on built-in computer speakers. First, the Dialog Enhancer makes speech clearer while removing excess white noise and avoiding distortion. The Intelligent Equalizer puts the emphasis on balancing sound without requiring too much work—so you can tell the system to give,

say, heavier bass without fiddling with the exact measurements as you would in a traditional equalizer. And both the Surround Virtualizer and the Dolby Digital Output help create quality surround sound, even with audio that wasn't made for it. The PPEv4 is featured in the new Acer Aspire Ethos line, including the 8950G, which was test-driven at the show.—Internet



Entertainer Lady Gaga holds a Polaroid G30 digital camera with built-in printer while introducing her Grey Label product line during the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada on 6, 2011. INTERNET

Fujitsu talking robot teddy bear: hands-on with video

LAS VEGAS, 8 Jan—Fujitsu, better-known for building PCs, felt that it was time to get into the talking teddy bear business. At CES 2011, it showed off a robotic teddy bear that can talk and react to touch, thanks to 13 sensors placed all over its body and a "nosecam" that recognizes your facial expressions. It's very realistic, not to mention super cute, and according to Fujitsu, it's ideal for lonely people who are allergic to animals. Check out our hands-on, with video at the bottom of the page. The Fujitsu Emotion Bear is about the size of my torso, not exactly the kind of bear you want to take with you on a road trip. It needs a designated spot in a home or office, close enough to a PC so you run a cable to it, for software mapping. "He responds to pain and touch. If you tickle him, he'll laugh. If you rub his nose, he can sneeze. If you grab his ears, he tells you to stop", says Paul Moore, Senior Director of Product Development. There's a camera in his nose, which focuses on your face and tracks your expressions.—Internet

Amazon cloud can help hack WiFi networks

BOSTON, 8 Jan—A security researcher says he has figured out a quick and inexpensive way to break a commonly used form of password protection for wireless networks using powerful computers that anybody can lease from Amazon.com Inc over the Web. Thomas Roth, a computer security consultant based in Cologne, Germany, says he can hack into protected networks using specialized software that he has written that runs on Amazon's cloud-based computers. It tests 400,000 potential passwords per second using Amazon's high-speed computers. That leaves businesses as well as home networks prone to attack if they use relatively simple passwords to secure their networks. Amazon leases time on computers to developers and companies that don't have the money to buy their own equipment, or don't use it frequently enough to justify doing so. Customers include individual programmers and corporate users.—Reuters



A box Amazon.com is picture on the porch of a house in Golden, Colorado on 23 July, 2008. INTERNET

Health

US says too much fluoride causing splotchy teeth



US says too much fluoride in water.
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ATLANTA, 8 Jan—In a remarkable turnabout, federal health officials say many Americans are now getting too much fluoride because of its presence not just in drinking water but in toothpaste, mouthwash and other products, and it's causing splotches on children's teeth and perhaps more serious problems.

The US Department of Health and Human Services announced plans Friday to lower the recommended level of fluoride in drinking water for the first time in nearly 50 years, based on a fresh review of the science.

The announcement is likely to renew the battle over fluoridation, even though the addition of fluoride to drinking water is considered one of the greatest public health successes of the 20th century. The US prevalence of decay in at least one tooth among teens has declined from about 90 percent to 60 percent.

The government first began urging municipal water systems to add fluoride in the early 1950s. Since then, it has been put in toothpaste and mouthwash. It is also in a lot of bottled water and in soda. Some kids even take fluoride supplements. Now, young children may be getting too much.—*Internet*

Newer antipsychotics overused, US study suggests

CHICAGO, 8 Jan—Although first approved to treat schizophrenia, new antipsychotic medications are increasingly being prescribed for a host of other uses, even when there is little evidence they work, US researchers said on Friday.

The drugs, known as "atypical antipsychotics," have quickly eclipsed older-generation or "typical" antipsychotics and are increasingly used to treat conditions like bipolar disorder, depression and even autism.

"What we see is wide adoption for the use of these medications far beyond the evidence base to support it," said Dr Caleb Alexander of the University of Chicago and a consultant for IMS Health, a company that collects data on prescription drugs. He said more than half of all a typical antipsychotic prescriptions written in 2008 were based on flimsy evidence.

"We're talking millions of prescriptions a year for antipsychotics in settings where there is uncertain evidence to support them," said Alexander, whose study appears in the journal *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety*.

The drugs are not harmless, Alexander said in a telephone interview.

—*Reuters*



This 28 Nov, 2010 photo shows black-eyed pea and collard green soup with smoked sausage in Concord, NH Lots of vegetables and low-fat kielbasa pack this recipe making it both filling and healthy.—INTERNET

Breast cancer outcome: your doctor matters

NEW YORK, 8 Jan—How doctors choose to treat their breast cancer patients and whether those treatment choices follow established recommendations — may play a larger role in whether a cancer returns than experts have believed.

In a new analysis looking at 994 women with ductal carcinoma in situ, the most common type of noninvasive breast cancer, researchers found treatment variations from surgeon to surgeon are significant, and may account for up to 30 percent of recurrences.

"Treatment variation is a troubling but well-known phenomenon in health

care," said study author Andrew W. Dick, a researcher at RAND Corp. in Pittsburgh. The report is published online 3 Jan and in the Jan. 19 print issue of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

"The reason it is surprising in this case is that the variation is quite large, and related to factors that are very important in health outcomes," Dick said.

Those factors include having "negative margins" meaning that cancer cells are more than 2 millimeters away from the removed tissue's edge and getting radiation therapy after breast-conserving surgery.

—*Internet*

Business

Volkswagen says China sales hit record in 2010

SHANGHAI, 8 Jan—German automaker Volkswagen said its sales in China, the world's biggest vehicle market, soared 37 percent year-on-year in 2010 to an annual record of more than 1.9 million cars.

In a statement on Friday Volkswagen Group China said it would invest 10.6 billion euros (\$13.7 billion) from 2011 to 2015 to maintain and reinforce its position in the country.

"In 2010, growth in the Chinese automobile market has exceeded everyone's expectations", Karl-Thomas Neumann, president and chief executive of Volkswagen Group China said.

"Although the growth of the car market might cool down in 2011, we still expect a good performance in the next years," he added.

Europe's largest car maker said the new investment to expand plants and develop new products marked its biggest cash injection yet in China.

—*Internet*



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European stocks close lower after US jobs data

LONDON, 8 Jan—European stocks fell on Friday after the latest data showing weak US job creation dashed hopes for a strong economic recovery, dealers said.

London's FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed down 0.59 percent at 5,984.33 points, while in Paris the CAC 40 dropped 1.0 percent to 3,865.58 points and in Frankfurt the DAX slid 0.48 percent to 6,947.84 points.

Amsterdam dipped 0.13 percent, Milan fell 0.46 percent, Swiss stocks slid 0.54 percent and Brussels ended down 0.77 percent.

Stocks plunged 3.02 percent in



A board displays Germany's share index DAX. European stock markets fell, with London's FTSE 100 index of leading shares closing down 0.59 percent at 5,984.33 points.—INTERNET

Lisbon after yields on Portuguese government bonds hit new record highs, just days before the country plans to try place long-term debt for the first time this year.

European markets slid lower in morning trading ahead of the release of the US jobs data and fell further afterwards.

The US Labour Department released its closely watched monthly unemployment report which investors had hoped would confirm recent data showing the US economic recovery was gaining speed.—*Internet*

Eurozone economic growth revised down to 0.3 pct in Q3

BRUSSELS, 8 Jan—Eurozone's economy grew by 0.3 percent in the third quarter last year compared with the previous quarter, the European Union's (EU) statistical bureau Eurostat said on Friday. The figure was revised down from the previous 0.4 percent in the first estimate made by Eurostat. In the third quarter of 2010, export continued to be the main driver of eurozone's economy, rising by 1.9 percent compared with the previous quarter. But household spending rose only 0.1 percent.

The EU's gross domestic product (GDP) remained unchanged from the previous estimate, up by 0.5 percent in the third quarter. Among the member states, Greece's economy contracted 1.3 percent, while Ireland's economy grew 0.5 percent. According to Eurostat's statistics, GDP increased by 0.6 percent in the United States in the third quarter of last year and by 1.1 percent in Japan.—*Xinhua*

380,000 Haitian children still live in camps

GENEVA, 8 Jan—About 380,000 Haitian children are still living in crowded camps one year after the devastating earthquake struck the country, announced the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) here on Friday.

In a report named "Children in Haiti: One Year After - The long road from relief to recovery", the UNICEF estimated over one million people remain displaced in camps "where livelihoods, shelter and services are hardly sufficient for children to stay healthy, fulfill their right to education, remain protected and have access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene".

"There is one message that UNICEF wants to convey, it is that the international response to humanitarian emergencies are

never perfect and Haiti is no exception," said UNICEF spokesperson Marixie Mercado, briefing the press on the anniversary report. Despite all the relieving efforts made by the United Nations agencies and other aid organizations, the pre-existing conditions in Haiti before the earthquake had made it extremely hard for the country to rise up quickly from rubble.

According to the UNICEF, prior to the earthquake, more than half of the Haitian population lived on less than a dollar a day, and 29 percent of Haitian children were affected by chronic malnutrition. Only about half of primary age school children were going to school, while less than two percent managed to finish secondary school.—Xinhua



Children fly kites at an earthquake-damaged houses in downtown Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 7 Jan, 2011. Almost one year has passed since the 12 Jan, 2010 magnitude-7.0 quake that killed more than 220,000 people and left millions homeless.—INTERNET

Chinese technician killed by falling rock in N Philippines

MANILA, 8 Jan— A Chinese technician working for a mining company in northern Philippines died Thursday after he was accidentally hit by a falling rock due to continuous rains, police said Friday.

The victim was identified as Chen Tehao, a technical employee of Prime Work Mining Corp, located at Himagtocon village, Camarines Sur Province, said Chief Supt Agrimero Cruz Jr, spokesman of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

"The victim was brought to the nearest hospital for medical treatment but was declared dead on arrival by the attending physician, " Cruz told reporters.—Xinhua



A General Motors Electric Networked Vehicle (EN-V) concept is driven around a course setup outside the Las Vegas Convention Centre, in conjunction with the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, 7 January, 2011.

XINHUA

43 people hospitalized for A/H1N1 flu in Netherlands

THE HAGUE, 8 Jan— Since the middle of last October, at least 43 people have been hospitalized due to A/H1N1 flu in the Netherlands, local media reported on Friday.

Most cases have been registered in Nijmegen, a city in the east part of the Netherlands. This is probably due to the fact that two children died in December, which caused a higher level of awareness by parents, says a spokeswoman of the hospital in Nijmegen. The hospitals of Winterswijk Zevenaar, Arnhem, Doetinchem Ede didn't report any patients with flu Thursday, while the AMC hospital

in Amsterdam reported four and the UMC Utrecht six cases.

According to Ge Dark, project leader of Nivel, the organization that registers the number of flu cases nationally, there are 5.9 cases per 10,000 inhabitants in the west, compared to 2.1 cases in the eastern part of the Netherlands. "But it is in its normal annual flu gradient."

Pharmacists organization KNMP warned people with flu symptoms not to purchase medication such as Tamiflu over the Internet because of the poor quality and high prices. But there should be no fear for a pandemic crisis.—Xinhua

Northeast US endures record heat in 2010

LOS ANGELES, 8 Jan — Record heat hit the northeastern United States in 2010 amid a global trend of climate change, according to a new study published Friday.

Many cities in the region endured their own all-time hottest year since records began being kept, said the findings posted on Live-Science.com.

For the study, researchers at the Northeast Regional Climate Centre at Cornell University analyzed temperature data collected by the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at various sites in cities across the northeastern United States.

The yearly number for each city is the average of daily temperatures, which themselves are an average of the day's minimum and maximum temperatures.

Then the researchers compared each number with the historical record based on similar thermometer readings from those stations, according to the report.

The findings showed that 23 of the 35 cities monitored saw the average temperature for 2010 rank among the 10 hottest years on record.

Among them, five cities broke their own record of all-time hottest year in 2010.

For Boston, 2010 had the highest average temperature since records began being kept in 1872, when The Great Fire almost wiped the city off the map.

Xinhua

Saab Automobile AB replaces top US executive

DETROIT, 8 Jan— Saab Automobile AB replaced its top executive in the United States, naming Matthias Seidl interim chief operating officer for Detroit-based Saab Cars North America effective immediately.

Seidl replaced Michael Colleran, who resigned "to pursue further career opportunities," Saab said in a statement.

Colleran, a former General Motors sales executive, had been Saab's top executive in the United States since the company was acquired from GM by Spyker Cars NV of the Netherlands in February, 2010 for 74 million dollars.

Jan Ake Jonsson, President and CEO of Saab Automobile AB, said Seidl temporarily takes on responsibility for Saab Cars North America in addition



Saab Automobile AB replaced its top executive in the United States, naming Matthias Seidl interim chief operating officer for Detroit-based Saab Cars North America effective immediately.—INTERNET

to his current position as executive director of global sales. Saab Automobile expects to announce a new chief operating officer for Saab Cars North America soon, Jonsson said.

"Seidl has considerable experience in the United States market, having spent several years as chief operating officer for Volkswagen of America in the late 2000s.

Prior to that, Seidl was executive director sales American region for Volkswagen and Audi," Jonsson said.

"We thank Michael Colleran for his service and assistance in rebuilding the Saab brand in North America and the Saab team wishes him the very best," said Jonsson.

Internet

A local folk dancing team perform at a site of Chinese Baroque style building in Daowai District of Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, during a tourist activity on 7 Jan, 2011. These old architectures here feature both western magnificent Baroque style and traditional Chinese cultural elements like quadrangle.—XINHUA





Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than unveils the stone plaque of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago tar road.—MNA

The commander unveiled the commemorative stone plaque which was sprinkled by the commander, the deputy minister and party who then strolled on the new road. Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road starts from Taikkyi at milepost No. 0/0 on Yangon-Pyay Road and joins Hlegu-Phaunggyi

Road from milepost Nos. 18/0 to 22/3 after passing through Yoma mountain range. It meets Yangon-Bago Road at milepost No. 42/7. There had been five district groups of Public Works, 10 Special Construction Groups and four quality-control groups engaging in the construction tasks.

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Commander Brig-Gen Soe Htut unveils the stone plaque of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago tar road.—MNA

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road linking...

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Later, the commander and the minister together with attendees posed for documentary photo.

Documentary photo. He then sprinkled scented water on it and so did the minister and officials.

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road is first one out of seven crossing Yoma mountain range.

Similarly, Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe

Htut, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe and departmental officials attended the opening ceremony of new Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago tar road held between milepost Nos. 42/4 and 42/5 this morning.

The commander made a speech and the deputy minister touched on the facts of road at the ceremony where a local spoke words of thanks.

The commander, the deputy minister and party cordially greeted the attendees at the ceremony. The deputy minister and



officials concerned formally opened the new road.

The commander, the deputy minister and party posed for documentary photo with attendees at the arch of the new road.



Commander Brig-Gen Soe Htut and Deputy Minister U Tint Swe stroll along Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago tar road.—MNA



Minister U Khin Maung Myint and officials concerned formally open Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago new tar road. —MNA

Website and Business application contests soon

YANGON, 8 Jan—Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Industrialist Association and Myanmar Computer Professional Association will organize Website of the Year 2010 and Business Application of the Year 2010 contests.

Any Myanmar citizens may

participate in the contests and participants are to send two CD copies of their projects to MCF and MCIA in Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township by 15 January during office hours. For more information, visit www.myanmarictawards.org, www.mcpmyanmar.org and www.mcjmyanmar.org.—MNA

Pediatric nephrology seminar commences

YANGON, 8 Jan—Co-organized by Myanmar Medical Association and Mo Asia Co Ltd (Dumex), a pediatric nephrology seminar was held at Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Street here this morning.

Myanmar Medical Association Chairman Prof Dr Kyaw Myint

Naing made an opening speech and Chairman of Child Health Committee Prof Dr Aye Maung Han and Director Dr Khin Cho Htay of Mo Asia Co Ltd (Dumex) extended greetings.

Dr Daw Khin Cho Htay donated K 300,000 each to Myanmar Medical

Association and the child health committee.

At the seminar, resource persons submitted and discussed their papers and replied to the queries raised by those present. The seminar continues tomorrow at Hall-A of MMA.

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MMA Chairman Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naing speaking at pediatric nephrology seminar.—MNA

9th Myanmar ICT...

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During the ICT Week, Myanma Posts and Telegraphs will sell McWill systems with internet access in Yangon and Mandalay, while Yatanarpon Teleport will sell mobile application software, web hosting

and domain name registration. Moreover, MPT will offer one-stop service for current use CDMA 800 MHz phone users who wish to use EVDO (data system used in CDMA) at its booth.

MNA

Minister U Thein Zaw delivers an address.

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**Commander
Brig-Gen Ye Aung,
Minister U Thein
Zaw and Mandalay
Mayor U Phone Zaw
Han formally open
Myanmar ICT
Week.—MNA**



SWRR Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan— Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe received Country Director of Action Aid Myanmar Mr. Shihab Uddin Ahamad and party at the ministry here on 6 January.

The meeting focused on cooperation

for improvement of living conditions for the disabled, development of women, and preparedness against natural disasters.

Also present at the call were Director-General of the Social Welfare Department U Soe Kyi, Director-General of the Relief and Resettlement Department U Soe Aung, Head of Office U Sein Aye and officials.—MNA

Tennis court commissioned into service in Mingala Taungnyunt Tsp

YANGON, 8 Jan— An opening ceremony of Tennis court this morning took place at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here.

It was attended Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Chairman of Yangon

City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thein Htaik and officials concerned, Chairman of MTF U Aung Maw Thein

and CEC members and invited persons. The mayor, the director-general formally opened the court and, enjoyed the friendly tennis matches.

The newly-opened tennis court may help athletes practise in all seasons.—MNA

Minister U Maung Maung Swe receives Country Director Mr Shihab Uddin Ahamad of Action Aid Myanmar and party.—MNA



Dedaye Tsp gets new library

YANGON, 8 Jan — Township Writers and Journalists Association of Dagon Myothit (North) Township in Yangon Region and Myanmar Business Executives Network-MBE honoured the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day with literary talks and opening of New Life Library in Kawetyekanchaung

village of Dedaye Township in Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region.

Writers Kyi Soe Tun, Nyunt Han (Kyutaw), Thura Zaw and Mya Thanda (Naw Yin Hmwe) gave literary talks at the village on 4 January evening. The library opening ceremony took place at the hall of library

in Basic Education Middle School (Branch) of the village on 5 January morning. Officials formally opened the library. In the evening, authors Kyi Soe Tun, Nyunt Han (Kyutaw), Maung Nyunt Hlaing and Mya Thanda (Naw Yin Hmwe) gave talks in Toe model village in Dedaye Township.—MNA

KNU's bomb hurts one civilian

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan— A resident of No (2) ward in Papun in Kayin State got injured as explosion happened when he picked up an "OSO" detergent container while herding cattle on road

200 yards north-west of Papun at about 7.30 am on 6 January.

U Ye Lin lost his right wrist in the incident which also torn his right shoulder and skinned his face. It is learnt that KNU

insurgents plotted the blast of improvised bomb, targeting the civilians. The victim was admitted to Papun Township People's Hospital with the assistance of officials.

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Authentic (ATT) Trading in Living with Technology Expo-2011 in Yangon

YANGON, 8 Jan— Authentic (ATT) Trading

Authentic (ATT) Trading & Construction Co Ltd displays at Living with Technology Expo-2011 in Yangon.—MNA



and Construction Co Ltd is participating in Living with Technology Expo-2011 being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in U Wisara Road, here from 8 to 10 January.

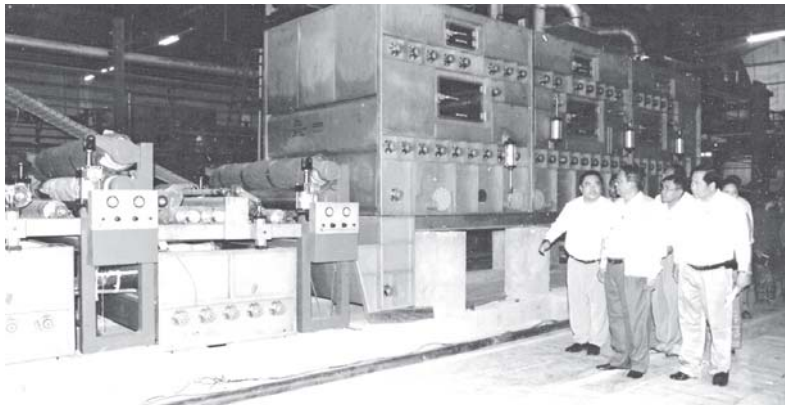
Its displays are

formworks that save time and money as it can be used over 200 times, Septic Tanks that are instrumental for hotels, condos, hospitals, offices, restaurants and high-rise buildings, and Hobas CC-

GRP pipes.

Those interested may contact Authentic (ATT) Trading and Construction Co Ltd, No 304, Condominium (D), Kaba Aye Villa, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon, Ph: 655690, 656050 and 656020.—MNA

Industry-1 Minister visits MPCII and MTI



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects Paleik Textiles Industry.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan— Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung visited Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) under Ministry of Sports in Chanmyathazi Town-

ship, Mandalay Region yesterday. The minister viewed training of youth players at Myanmar Football Academy and observed pre-engineering tests for construction of

Mandalay football stadium and construction of main stadium. The minister also viewed football and futsal pitches. The minister then went to No.3 Paper Mill

(Paleik) under Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries of the ministry and inspected production process and storage of newsprint rolls. He called for meeting production target and taking fire

preventive measures.

The minister later visited Paleik Textiles Industry under Myanmar Textile Industries and inspected condition of new machines as old ones were replaced with new

ones for higher output.

He viewed different products and machines spare parts produced at the industry and inspected the function of finishing workshop.

MNA

New concrete roads in Sangyoung Township opened

YANGON, 8 Jan— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected progress of paving concrete on Maungmakan Kantha Street in Dagon Myothit Township (South) here.

The mayor, together with officials concerned, formally opened the ceremonies to put Market Street, Kyung Street, Myaynichan Street and Damayon Street in Sangyoung Township, and a one-storey Damayon building measuring 40 feet length and 20 feet width in U Ponnya Street in 32 Ward, Dagon Myothit Township (North) into service.—MNA

Nweyit Village, source...

(from page 16) villages across Sinthay Creek. As we stepped on the bridge, in front of us were green and

four lakh and the net profit is 10 lakh."

Cabbage-grower U Myit Saung explained that cabbage was

since 2005-2006. Now, every farm has underground well. We pump underground water into the farm. And our agriculture business of the village has

thrived due to access to underground water."

Nweyit Village started to grow broccoli last year. It is learnt that 16,000 plants are grown in an acre and the cost is about four lakh and profit is about 15 lakh per acre. Broccoli is mostly used in hotels and restaurants and believed to have medicinal properties.

There are 630 households in Nweyit Village where green-gram is grown at the beginning of monsoon and cauliflower, carrot, potato, salad, and onion in clod season, and cabbage and cauliflower in summer. In addition to Nweyit Village, Kyarthayai, Sehteik, Thahtaygon, Zayat-

gyigon, and Ywesu villages also grow various kinds of vegetables, totaling around 6,000 acres.

On our return from Nweyit Village, we interviewed U Shwe Thein who is selling cabbages and cauliflowers at Thahtaygon Village. He told us that Thahtaygon Village mainly transported cabbages and cauliflowers as far as to Yangon, Mawlamyine, Thaton, Nay Pyi Taw Ahayathukha Market, Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Meiktila from November to April. The region daily produces from 4 million to 5 million Kyat worth vegetables, between 50 and 80 carts in quantity.



"The price of big cauliflower like this is only 200 Kyats at the farm."

U Pu Cauliflower-grower

Now, Nweyit and nearby villages can grow vegetables at any time due to access to dams and underground water.

Translation: TKK Myanma Alin: 8-1-2011



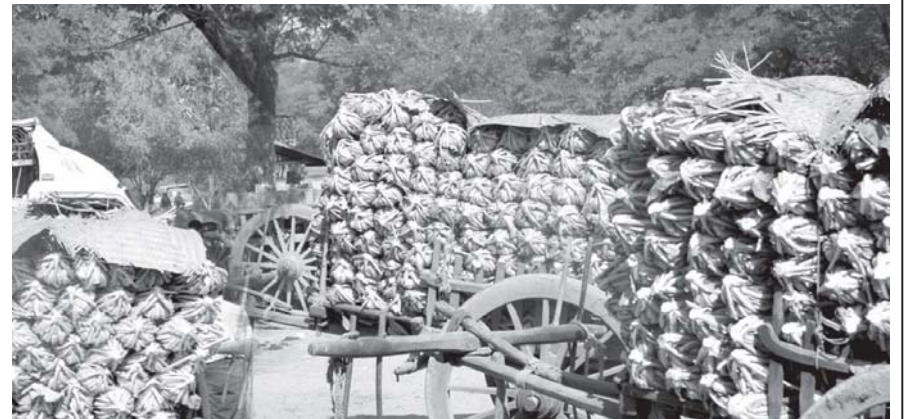
Thahtaygon Village is the market place of cabbages and cauliflowers.

lush plantations—cauliflower, cabbage, maize, salad, onion and potato, really eye-pleasing green ones.

We first interviewed farmer U Pu who said "Cauliflower is grown twice a year. I grow 18,000 plants per acre. I earn between 150 and 200 Kyats for one cauliflower and the retail price is between 250 and 300 Kyats per unit. Growing one acre of cauliflower costs

grown after Waxing of Tazaungmon and reaped after 75 days from the date of cultivation; that 17,000 plants were grown in an acre of farm; that one acre needed an investment of five lakh and profit was over 10 lakh; that purchasers came to the plantations and purchased the whole plantation.

Farmer U Myint Saung said, "Our village has widely used underground water



Cauliflowers being loaded onto lorries at Thahtaygon Village.

Arctic sea ice may be affecting weather patterns

ANCHORAGE, 8 Jan—The shrunken Arctic ice pack could be to blame for the warm rains showering Alaska while typically milder Georgia and Florida freeze, experts said on Friday.

The phenomenon, called “reverse Arctic Oscillation,” involves the exchange of heat from dark-surfaced open water to the atmosphere and the resulting north-south movement of weather patterns.

“You get a warm Arctic and you get cold outbreaks in the middle latitudes,” Mark Serreze, director of the National

Snow and Ice Data Centre in Boulder, Colorado, said Friday.

Arctic ice coverage this December was the lowest for any December since satellite records began in 1979, the centre reported this week.

But the real issue is the wide extent of ice melt at the summer’s end, Serreze said. Arctic ice coverage in September was the third lowest since the centre began keeping records, a condition that caused heat to linger in the Arctic, creating a lag effect probably still evident, he said.—Reuters



An iceberg floats in the sea ice near the town of Uumannaq in western Greenland on 18 March, 2010.—INTERNET



Massive vats that can hold six million bottles of beer begin their land journey from Hamilton Harbour to a Molson Coors in Toronto on 7 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Internet post frees man confined 14 years in mental hospital

WUHAN, 8 Jan—It sounds like another story of a citizen being victimized for exposing misbehaviour of officials and saved by the power of the Internet, as a controversial post freed a man who was confined to a mental hospital for nearly 14 years for alleged muckraking.

The Internet post, entitled “Help! My father was confined in mental hospital for 14 years”, by Guo Hanyun, appeared Saturday on a tianyaclub.com bulletin board, China’s hottest online community.

Guo said her father, Guo Yuanrong, was sent to the DMC Maojian Hospital in Shiyan city of central China’s Hubei Province 14 years ago after he exposed corruption by his leader in the Construction Bureau of Zhuxi County in the province.

Guo’s family tried many times to bring him home from the mental hospital but failed

without approval from the county’s public security bureau, according to the post.

The internet posting immediately caught the attention of hundreds of thousands of netizens, apparently because the poster, Guo Hanyun, said she would like to marry or “serve as a slave” to whoever can end her father’s ordeal.

Within just a few days, the post received more than 350,000 hits and about 6,200 replies.—Xinhua

33 dead in Philippines after heavy rains

MANILA, 8 Jan—More than a week of heavy rain has left at least 33 people dead from flashfloods and landslides in the Philippines, the government said, announcing floodwaters were subsiding in some areas.

Almost 11,000 people remained in government evacuation centres but some had started returning home as rains eased, said Lauren Catedral, a civil defence officer in the southern city of Butuan.

“People are now more confident the water level will not rise. There are some who have returned home but others have remained in their

evacuation centres because there are still floods in some areas,” she said.

Eight people had been injured in landslides

while nine others were missing after the heavy rains, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said.—Internet



Residents watch as a vehicle traverses a flooded road in the town of Sto Domingo, Albay Province, southeast of Manila, on 30 December, as heavy rains hit the province. INTERNET

HK records 36 mln visitor arrivals in 2010, over 60 pct from mainland

HONG KONG, 8 Jan—The Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb) announced on Friday that provisional total arrivals in 2010 reached 36.03 million, up 21.8 percent from a year earlier, while over 60 percent of those were from the mainland.

According to statistics, Hong Kong witnessed about 22.47 million arrivals from the mainland last year, up

27 percent from 2009. Meanwhile, the number of short-haul arrivals (excluding the mainland) were 8.72 million in 2010, up 16.5 percent and the long-haul arrivals recorded 4.84 million, up 9.6 percent.

Commenting on the satisfactory growth, HKTb Chairman James Tien said that Hong Kong’s tourism experienced a strong

rebound in 2010 following the severe blow dealt by the financial tsunami and human swine influenza in 2009.

“The result could be attributed to the collaborative efforts of the government, the local travel trade and the HKTb in rolling out various promotions, such as the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Carnival, the Wine and Dine

Festival and the New Year Countdown Celebrations,” Tien said.

Looking into 2011, Tien believed that Asia will be the key driver in the global tourism growth.

“The HKTb will maintain our close partnership with the travel trade to uphold Hong Kong’s image as an international, cosmopolitan city,” Tien said.—Xinhua

Chinese naval flotilla returns home from 192-day escort mission in Gulf of Aden

GUANGZHOU, 8 Jan—About 1,000 Chinese naval officers and soldiers Friday returned home, to south China’s Guangdong Province, after serving a 192-day tour of escort mission in the Gulf of Aden and in waters off the coast of Somalia.

Their tour of duty was China’s sixth naval escort mission in the region. The flotilla escorted 615 ships — 306 Chinese vessels and 309 foreign ones — during the mission.

The previous five Chinese missions in the Gulf of Aden escorted a total of 2,248 Chinese and foreign ships. The Chinese navy’s escort work in the region began in Dec 2008.

The sixth naval escort flotilla set sail for the Gulf of Aden from Zhanjiang, Guangdong, on 30 June, 2010. The flotilla began its escort work on 16 July.

Xinhua



Indonesian farmer Kasmijan holds his machete as he guards his chilli plant at Menang village in Indonesia’s city of Kediri on 7 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET



Vehicles run under the ice-covered trees in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province. China's National Meteorological Center (NMC) is continuing its second highest level alert for parts of southern China battling freezing temperatures and icy rain, as more bad weather is expected.

XINHUA

Ford unveils its first all-electric car

LAS VEGAS, 8 Jan—Ford unveiled its first strictly electric car on Friday, a Focus which is expected to get up to 100 miles (160 kilometres) on a single charge and will be available in North America late this year.

Alan Mulally, chief executive of the number two US automaker, introduced the four-door passenger car at the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

Mulally declined to detail the hatchback's total



The brand new all-electric Ford Focus is displayed as Ford Motor Company President and CEO Alan Mulally delivers a keynote address at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show at the Las Vegas Hilton in Nevada.—INTERNET

range or how much it would cost, but a Ford spokesman said the Focus Electric's mileage on a single charge would be

"competitive" with similar electric vehicles such as the Nissan Leaf.

The Nissan Leaf has a range of up to 100 miles

before needing to be hooked up to a power outlet.

Ford said the lithium-ion battery in the Focus, which has a top speed of 84 miles per hour (136 kilometres per hour) can be fully charged at a home 240-volt charging station in three to four hours, half the time of the Leaf.

Mulally acknowledged the need for regular charges would be seen as a drawback by some customers.

Internet

Chilean miner all shook up at Graceland tour

MEMPHIS, 8 Jan—The Elvis-loving Chilean miner who rose to international fame after being trapped for 69 days was all shook up Friday on a private tour of Graceland, Presley's famed Memphis mansion.

"How can I describe something so amazing," Edison Pena told reporters through a translator.

"To be able to see it for myself, I feel — Holy cow!"

Pena said the collection of Elvis suits was his favourite part of the tour and said he loved Memphis because he could "smell Elvis." He even broke his Elvis moves and

sang a few lines of Blue Suede shoes at a press conference on Graceland's rolling lawn. Edison Pena is receiving the royal treatment on a whirlwind tour of all things Elvis after the 33 miners won the hearts of millions for their

perseverance during the dramatic ordeal.

Elvis Presley Enterprises sent Pena an MP3 player loaded with Elvis tunes to keep his spirits up while he was trapped after learning he was a fan. They extended the

invitation for a visit after the dramatic 13 October rescue.

Pena told reporters that the music brought him back to life when he was trapped in the cramped darkness of the mine.

Internet



Rescued Chilean miner Edison Pena enters a news conference in New York City 2010. The Elvis-loving Chilean miner who rose to international fame after being trapped for 69 days was all shook up Friday on a private tour of Graceland, Presley's famed Memphis mansion.—INTERNET



Authorities come to the rescue of victims of a plane crash in Cojedes on 7 Jan, 2011. Five people died after the twin-engine plane crashed, according to the director of Civil Protection and Disaster Management of the state of Cojedes Amilcar Mercado.—INTERNET

Stockholm bomber was trained in Iraq, says official

DUBAI, 8 Jan—Iraq informed the United States about a plot to carry out bombings in Sweden two months before an attack in Stockholm by a man trained in Iraq, an Iraqi security official told al Arabiya television on Friday.

Major General Dhai Kanani, director of Iraq's anti-terrorism unit, said the man who blew himself up in Stockholm on 11 December had received explosives training in the Iraqi city of Mosul for three months.

He had entered Iraq from Turkey, he added, according to al Arabiya's website.

He said confessions by al Qaeda members detained in Iraq had also revealed that "an Egyptian national entered Iraq at the same time and received similar training to probably carry out another mission."

Kanani said that "Iraq had information on bombings in Sweden, which it informed the Americans about before the bombing in Sweden by more than two months," al Arabiya reported.—Reuters

Brazil to approve construction of four nuclear plants in 2011

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Jan—Brazil's Energy Minister Edison Lobao said on Friday the government will approve this year construction of four nuclear power plants in the country.

"We will approve the construction of these four (plants) this year," Lobao told a news conference.

There are two nuclear power plants currently in operation in Brazil, Angra 1 and Angra 2.

Both are located in the small town of Angra dos Reis, in Rio de Janeiro state, in the country's southeastern region.

The construction of a third plant in the same area, Angra 3, was suspended years ago, but is to be resumed and is expected to be operational by 2015.

There are still no estimates for the capacity of the four new plants or the costs.

According to Lobao, the four plants will be built in different parts of the country, two in the northeast and two in the southeast.

Xinhua

More rain worsens floods in Australia

BRISBANE, 8 Jan—Almost a foot (300 millimetres) of rain in just a few hours renewed flood fears in Australia's already waterlogged Queensland state Saturday, sending a surging river over its banks and into another large town.

Officials said about only 20 buildings in Maryborough, where about 22,000 people live, were expected to be flooded after the river burst its banks in the overnight downpour. The waters were expected to peak on Sunday.

"A number of businesses ... will have floodwaters in their basements," Mayor Mick Kruger said.

But the new flooding was a reminder that the state has almost no capacity to absorb more heavy rains after weeks of drenching tropical weather submerged an area the size of Germany and France combined. Ten people have died since late November and about 200,000 have been affected by the floods. Roads and rail lines have been cut, Queensland's big-exporting coal industry has virtually shut down, and cattle ranching and farming across a large part of the state are at a standstill. While new rain is causing problems in some parts of the state, officials say a massive relief operation has moved from emergency operations to recovery, as the city of Rockhampton and other towns wait for waters to drop, and dozens of others begin the mopping up of sludge.—Internet



A man arrives at flooded waters at Depot Hill in Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia on 6 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (277)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (277) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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The statues of the Three Kings — Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, travel by boats along the lake of Cajititlan, on 7 January, 2011, during Three Kings Day. Thousands of devotees followed as the statues were carried in a procession through the streets and lake of Cajititlan city, an act they believe would bless the waters for good fishing.

INTERNET

Man torched house and relatives, killing five

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan — A 25-year-old woman from Seattle, Washington, has become the fifth person to die from burns suffered when her fiancé's uncle invited them to his house in Puerto Rico and allegedly set them afire. According to a website set up by friends of the couple, Kate Donahue, 25, died on Thursday at Jackson Memorial Burn Centre at the University of Miami, in Florida, where she and her fiancé had been flown for treatment. Her fiancé, Jesus Sanchez, died earlier in the week.

Donahue worked at Group Health in Seattle; Sanchez was an engineer at Boeing. "They are very much in love," Donahue's mother, Michelle, told reporters when they were first hospitalized. "Their last words before they were intubated were for each other. She loves him, he loves her and the last six months have been the happiest time of her life and the most important thing is love." The couple had travelled to Puerto Rico so that Sanchez could introduce Donahue to his relatives. — *Internet*



Kate Donahue, 25, died on Thursday from burns suffered on New Year's Eve. Her fiancé, Jesus Sanchez, died earlier this week. — INTERNET



The divers said they believe this submerged canon may be part of the remains of the USS Revenge. — INTERNET

Wreck of USS Revenge found by divers near Rhode Island

NEW YORK, 8 Jan — A team of divers have said they have discovered the remains of the *USS Revenge*, a ship commanded by the US Navy's famed Oliver Hazard Perry that wrecked near Rhode Island in 1811. Mr Perry is known for having later defeated the British

in a battle near Ohio during a conflict in 1813. The ship helped shape the war because Mr Perry would not have gone to Ohio if it had not wrecked, the divers said.

Sunday marks the 200th anniversary of the *Revenge* running aground on a reef. The divers have called for the Navy to recover the ship's remains, which is made up of objects like cannons and an anchor. The vessel sank near the coastal village of Watch Hill in Rhode Island prior to the start of the War of 1812, the name given to an early military conflict fought between the US and British Empire that lasted from 1812-1815.

Internet

Brazil police say footballer Somalia 'faked' his kidnap

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Jan — A Brazilian football player will be charged for falsely reporting he had been kidnapped as an excuse for running late for training, police say. Somalia, a midfielder for the leading Rio de Janeiro club Botafogo, said he had been abducted at gunpoint at about 0700 on his way to the training ground.

But police say CCTV footage from his apartment building showed him leaving late for work at 0900. Botafogo threatens its players with a 40% pay cut if they are late.

Somalia, whose real name is Paulo Rogerio Reis da Silva, told police he had been carjacked and driven around Rio for two hours before having his

money and jewellery stolen.

Officers say they became suspicious at inconsistencies in the player's statement and decided to check video footage recorded in his building.

They say the footage showed he had lied about the kidnapping. Police officials say that if he is found guilty, he could face up to six months in prison.

Internet



Somalia said he was kidnapped on his way to the stadium in Rio de Janeiro. —INTERNET

No greater antioxidants in organics

SOBORG, 8 Jan — Organically grown onions, carrots and potatoes generally do not have higher levels of healthful antioxidants than traditional produce, Danish researchers say.

Pia Knuthsen of the National Food Institute at the Technical University of Denmark in Soborg, Denmark, and colleagues analyzed antioxidants termed "polyphenols" from onions, carrots and potatoes grown using conventional and organic methods and found no differences in polyphenol content for organic vs. traditional growing methods using chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

"On the basis of the present study carried out under well controlled conditions, it cannot be concluded that organically grown onions, carrots and

potatoes generally have higher contents of health-promoting secondary metabolites in comparison with the conventionally cultivated ones," the researchers say in a statement.

Knuthsen and colleagues point out that there are many reasons to pay a premium for organic food products, including environmental protection, better taste, no exposure to chemical fertilizers and pesticides, less use of fossil fuels use to make chemical fertilizers and pesticides and possible health benefits.

"However, the health benefits of organic food consumption are still controversial and not considered scientifically well documented," the researchers say. — *Internet*

'Kidney sisters' leave Mississippi prison

MISSISSIPPI, 8 Jan — Two imprisoned sisters whose sentences were dropped on the condition that one donate her kidney to the other have been released from jail in Mississippi. The pair, who had been in jail for 16 years, are moving to the US state of Florida, where their family lives.

Jamie Scott requires daily dialysis, which costs the state roughly \$200,000 (£129,000) per year, officials said. She and her sister Gladys Scott were convicted in 1994 of taking part in a robbery that netted a mere \$11 (£7).

Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour agreed to release the sisters, who were serving life sentences for leading two men into an ambush in



Jamie (bottom) and Gladys Scott (top) were jailed in 1993 for taking part in an armed robbery. — INTERNET

Mississippi in 1993, on the condition that Gladys, 36, donate a kidney to her sister within one year. Gladys, who came up with the idea for the transplant, volunteered to donate her kidney to 38-year-old Jamie in her petition for early release. — *Internet*

Smart US dog learns more than 1,000 words



Chaser sits with John Pilley in this undated handout photo.

She just might be the smartest pooch ever. A border collie has learned more than 1,000 words, showing US researchers that her memory is not only better than theirs, but that she understands quite a bit about how language works.

Chaser learned the names for 1,022

toys, so many that her human handlers had to write on them in marker so that they wouldn't forget, said study co-author Alliston Reid, a psychology professor at Wofford College in South Carolina.

With that repertoire, Chaser has far outpaced another dog, Rico, found by German researchers to be able to grasp about 200 words, according to a study published in 2004 in the journal *Science*.

As a border collie, Chaser comes from a breed of herding dog known for its intelligence, energy and strong work ethic. Reid said she might be able to learn even more words, but her keepers stopped at 1,022 after three years of training simply because of time constraints.

Britain facing 'worst' driving conditions

Britain's automobile association said drivers in the country are facing "the worst driving conditions imaginable" with a record number of potholes.

The AA said road maintenance budgets in the country have been slashed by as much as 20 percent amid a winter believed to be causing more potholes than last year's record levels, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

The organization said fluctuating temperatures in recent weeks caused potholes when wet weather combined with freezing temperatures to allow water to seep into the road and freeze, destroying the asphalt.

A spokesman for the British Local Government Association said local officials are facing "incredibly difficult decisions" about which roads to repair.

The AA said drivers are facing a "potent mixture of weather conditions" bringing on a "knife-edge situation."

Wheelchair user cruises along Conn highway

The older man cruising along Interstate 95 in Connecticut could have been just another traveller — except that he was in an electric wheelchair, in the breakdown lane, while cars and trucks barreled along a few yards away.

The mystery of the unidentified man in the cozy blue coat and sunglasses is leaving some chuckling, including witnesses who videotaped his unorthodox trip Thursday along the breakdown lane and off an exit in Fairfield.

Connecticut State Police say their troopers didn't encounter the intrepid traveler, but surely would have warned him about what vehicles are — and aren't — allowed on the highway.

News Album

Lost pet snake stops Mass commuter train

A Massachusetts commuter train was halted and searched after a woman passenger said she had lost her pet snake Penelope in a passenger car.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority train was held at the JFK/UMass station in Boston for minutes while train crew

searched, to no avail, for the snake, *The Boston Globe* reported on Thursday.

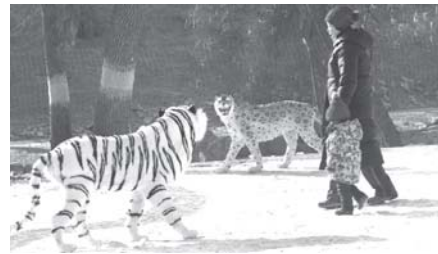
When the train reached the Braintree Station six cars of the train were searched again with no sign of the snake, *The (Braintree, Mass.) Patriot Ledger* reported.

The train was put back into service after the

search, MTBA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said.

Penelope's owner put an ad on Craigslist Friday.

"She is a very mellow snake — never hisses or bites and is very timid," the posting read, describing Penelope as "a bit under 3 feet long with a brownish, almost pinkish paisley looking pattern on her back."



Tourists walk past two leopard models during Yuanmingyuan Imperial Ice and Snow Festival held in Yuanmingyuan, a summer resort garden for the emperors of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), in Beijing, capital of China, 7 Jan, 2010.

'Jersey Shore' premiere highest rated for MTV

LOS ANGELES, 8 Jan—More than 8 million viewers watched Snooki and company return to "Jersey Shore."

The third season premiere of the MTV reality TV series was the most watched series telecast in the cable network's history, MTV announced Friday. The network said 8.45 million total viewers tuned in to the show, which chronicles the carryings-on of a group of hard-partying, 20- and 30-somethings at a beach house on the Seaside Heights, NJ, boardwalk.

The second season was set in Miami.

MTV announced last month that it signed a deal with Paul "DJ Pauly D" DelVecchio to star in his own spin-off series.—*Internet*



From left, cast members Ronnie Ortiz-Magro, Sammi Giancola, Paul DelVecchio, Jenni Farley, Nicole Polizzi, and Vinny Guadagnino, from the television show 'Jersey Shore', pose for a portrait in Los Angeles on 13 Sept, 2010.

INTERNET

Anna Nicole Smith doctor subpoenaed by med board

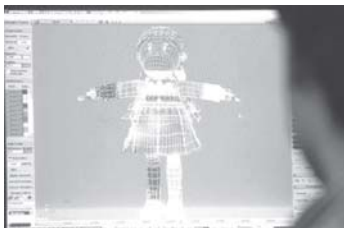
LOS ANGELES, 8 Jan—Anna Nicole Smith's primary doctor, who was acquitted in the late model's high-profile drug prescription case, has been subpoenaed in a separate investigation, his attorney said Friday.

"It's outrageous," said Ellyn Garafalo, who represents Dr Sandeep Kapoor. "This shows that this is a vendetta."

She said Kapoor was standing outside the courtroom where a judge dismissed most charges against Kapoor's co-defendants on Thursday when he was handed a subpoena by a process server representing the California Medical Board.

Garafalo said the board is investigating cases unrelated to the Smith case.—*Internet*

Indian animation firm plans tie-up with US TV Co



An animator renders colour to a cartoon character in Mumbai.—*INTERNET*

MUMBAI, 8 Jan—Tata Elxsi, part of the giant Tata Group, has announced a planned tie-up with a Los Angeles-based

children's entertainment company, in the latest foray by an Indian firm into Hollywood.

The animated and visual effects firm said on its website Thursday that it had signed a memorandum of understanding with A Squared Entertainment for a joint venture to create original animation and digital gaming.

No details about the cost of the deal were given and a Tata Elxsi spokesman said on Friday that he was not authorised to comment on the details.—*Internet*

Mark Twain remains censored, and uncensored

NEW YORK, 8 Jan—Mark Twain was the kind of man who might tell an off-colour joke, then grievously apologize, who wrote stories and essays he knew would offend and kept others private for the same reason.

A century after his death, Mark Twain remains censored, and uncensored. The author and humorist worried enough about what he



In this undated photo, author Mark Twain, born Samuel Clemens, is shown.

INTERNET

could say in public to withhold anti-religion essays and to forbid his autobiography from being published until 100 years after his death. The first of three planned volumes of the unexpurgated version, released in 2010 and including harsh words for American business and military actions, became a surprise best-seller that has sold hundreds of thousands of copies.

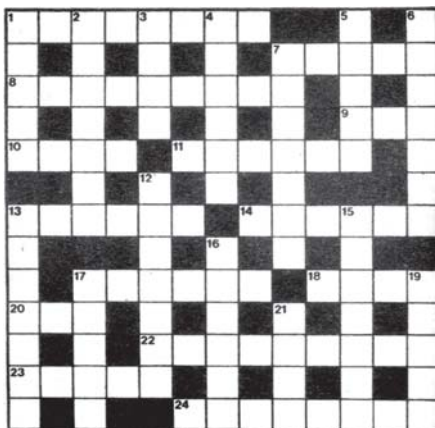
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The FA Cup 2010/11: 3rd Round

Arsenal	1-1	Leeds
Blackburn	1-0	QPR
Bolton	2-0	York
Brighton	3-1	Portsmouth
Bristol City	0-3	Sheff Wed
Burnley	4-2	Port Vale
Burton Albion	2-1	Middlesbrough
Coventry	2-1	Crystal Palace
Doncaster	2-2	Wolves
Fulham	6-2	Peterborough
Huddersfield	2-0	Dover
Hull	2-3	Wigan
Lincoln City	3-4	Hereford
Millwall	1-4	Birmingham
Norwich	0-1	Leyton Orient
Preston	1-2	Nott'm Forest
Reading	1-0	West Brom
Scunthorpe	1-5	Everton
Sheff Utd	1-3	Aston Villa
Southampton	2-0	Blackpool
Stoke	1-1	Cardiff
Sunderland	1-2	Notts County
Swansea	4-0	Colchester
Torquay	1-0	Carlisle
Watford	4-1	Hartlepool
West Ham	2-0	Barnsley
Stevenage	3-1	Newcastle Utd

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Grave crimes
- 7 Stage in growth
- 8 Vanish in vapour
- 9 Ship's record
- 10 Sunk fence (2-2)
- 11 Scanty
- 13 Steel beam
- 14 Donald Duck's creator
- 17 Narrative poem
- 18 Terrible giant
- 20 Type of whisky
- 22 Muddling
- 23 David or Jack —
- 24 Olefiant gas

DOWN

- 1 Cheeky, pert
- 2 Dressed skin
- 3 Recess
- 4 Wiped out
- 5 Anchor chain
- 6 Extreme poverty
- 7 Flightless sea bird
- 12 Meditate
- 13 Exalt with honour
- 15 Flimsy dressing gown
- 16 Lodeston
- 17 Broom
- 19 Two under par
- 21 Violent rage

Leeds hold Arsenal 1-1 in FA Cup



Arsenal have a few early shots, just to test the nerves of Kasper Schmeichel.—INTERNET

LONDON, 8 Jan—Arsenal and Leeds United will have to replay their FA Cup third round tie after a 1-1 draw at the Emirates Stadium.

Arsenal had much the better of play in the first half against their Championship opponents, with Andrei Arshavin in particular seeing one solo run blocked by Kasper Schmeichel, and a rasping shot saved

by the keeper as well.

Leeds came back strongly in the second half, and won a penalty after Denilson brought down Max Gradel. Robert Snodgrass scored the spot kick, Leeds ahead after 54 minutes. Arsenal then brought on captain Cesc Fabregas to bolster an under-strength side, and they battered their opponents over the last half hour.

The Gunners thought they had won a late penalty of their own when Theo Walcott went down under a challenge from Alex Bruce, but it was not given because Niklas Bendtner was offside. They then did win a spot kick after Ben Walker brought down Theo Walcott. Fabregas calmly beat Schmeichel in the final minute to secure a replay. Arsenal could have won it, but Denilson's shot was brilliantly saved by Schmeichel in time added on.—*Internet*

Armstrong's team to ride Tour de Mumbai

MUMBAI, 8 Jan—India's first professional cycling race sanctioned by the sport's world governing body is to become a two-stage event this year and will include riders from seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong's team. The second edition of the Tour de Mumbai will see international riders compete in Nashik, about 160 kilometres (100 miles) north-east of Mumbai, on 11 February, and in Mumbai itself two days later.



Participants in the inaugural Tour de Mumbai in Mumbai in 2010.—INTERNET

The first leg will cover 158 kilometres while the second will be over 117 kilometres, the Union Cycliste Internationale, the Cycling Federation of India and organisers ID Sports said. Riders will

include those from Armstrong's Team RadioShack, which won the team prize in the 2010 Tour de France, and Italy's Liquigas, they added in a joint statement late Thursday.—*Internet*

Garrigus powers his way to the top at Kapalua

KAPALUA, 8 Jan—Robert Garrigus, the biggest hitter on the PGA Tour, is leading the Tournament of Champions thanks to one of the shortest clubs in his bag. Garrigus holed out a wedge



Robert Garrigus chips the ball up to the ninth green during the second round of the Hyundai Tournament of Champions golf tournament in Kapalua, Hawaii on 7 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

for eagle on the 16th hole, then finished with two big drives to set up easy birdies for a 10-under 63 on Friday to take a one-shot lead at Kapalua going into the weekend of the season-opening tournament.

His wedge on the 16th landed some 15 feet beyond the hole and took the grain toward the Pacific Ocean to trickle into the cup. He was excited, sure, but that was overdue. On two other holes, his full wedge came with inches of going in.—*Internet*



Kansas City Wizards soccer player Uche Okafor, of Nigeria

Man City complete Dzeko signing

MANCHESTER, 8 Jan—English Premier League title-chasers Manchester City on Friday completed the signing of Bosnia and Herzegovina striker Edin Dzeko from German club Wolfsburg.



Bosnia and Herzegovina striker Edin Dzeko

The 24-year-old, who is believed to have cost City 27 million pounds (32.5 million euros) has signed a four-and-a-half year contract and has been handed the number 10 shirt at the Eastlands club.

"It has been a long time that I have been linked with the club going back to last summer but Wolfsburg did not want to sell me until today," Dzeko, who is likely to make his debut next weekend against Wolves, told City's official website.

—*Internet*

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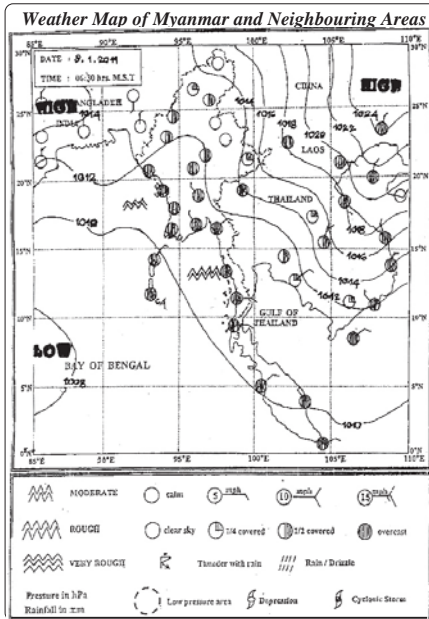
Weary Nadal crashes out of Qatar Open tennis

DOHA, 8 Jan—Rafael Nadal, who wants to win the Australian Open this month to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously, will be travelling there a day earlier than expected after a shock defeat in the Qatar Open semi-finals on Friday. The world number one looked tired, withdrawn, and ill as he slumped to a 6-3, 6-2 defeat to Nikolay Davydenko, the Russian defending champion who will tackle Roger Federer in Saturday's final.—*Internet*

Ex-Nigerian soccer star Okafor kills self in Texas

LITTLE ELM, 8 Jan—Uche Okafor, a defender on two Nigerian World Cup teams and a stalwart player for the Kansas City Wizards in the US, committed suicide this week at his Dallas-area home, authorities said on Friday. He was 43.

Okafor's body was discovered Thursday afternoon by his wife in their house in Little Elm, a town about 30 miles northwest of Dallas, Detective Oscar Hinojosa said. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said Friday that he hanged himself in an upstairs hallway. A friend who could not reach Okafor called Ifeyinwa Okafor, the former star's wife, police said.—*Internet*



WEATHER

Saturday, 8th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, scattered in Bago and Taninthayi Regions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay and Magway Regions, weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (5°C) below January average temperature in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Chin and Kayin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Putao (2°C), Machanbaw (3°C), Haka (4°C) and Katha (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Cocogyun (2.52) inches, Myaungmya (0.20) inch, maubin and Kawthoung (0.02) inch each.

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 7-1-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 8-1-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-1-2011 was (82%). Rainfall on 8-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 7-1-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 8-1-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-1-2011 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 7-1-2011 was (3) hours.

Rainfall on 8-1-2011 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from East at (15:30) hours MST on 7-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 9th January 2011: Rain are likely to be isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: 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 elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-1-2011: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Uzbeks spoil Qatar Asian Cup party

DOHA, 8 Jan – Odil Akhmedov and Server Djeparov shattered Qatari dreams with second-half goals to hand Uzbekistan a 2-0 win over the below-par hosts in the opening game of the Asian Cup on Friday.

Central defender Akhmedov bagged the first goal of the tournament when he sent a looping 30-yard shot crashing off the underside of the bar and into the net in the 58th minute.

Captain Djeparov sealed the win 18 minutes later when he made the most of a sloppy back pass by Ibrahim Majed, firing the ball past goalkeeper Qasem Burhan.

The football festival, featuring the region's top 16 teams, runs for three weeks up to the final on 29



Uzbekistan's goalkeeper Ignatyi Nesterov(L) makes a save in front of Qatar's forward Sebastian Soria during their 2011 Asian Cup group A football match in Doha.— INTERNET

January with the opening match played at the Khalifa Stadium, the 40,000-capacity jewel in Qatar's footballing crown.—*Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (9-1-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am - 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	- (9-1-11 09:30 am ~ 10-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mile of Road...Piles of Hope (Pathein-Monywa Motor Road) (Part-I)
- * News
- * Anyeint Dancer Hairstyle
- * Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes Chicken Curry with Gourd
- * News
- * Kid's Talent (Playing Harp & Dancing)
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "7 Hour's with"
- * The Light of World Peace

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- * The Light of World Peace
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Jade and Gem)
- * News
- * Myanmar DVD "Father In-Rock"
- * Amazing Sculptural Works of Poe-win Hill
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * The Wachat Jivitadana Sanga Hospital
- * News
- * The Ancient City of Myanmar (Bagan)
- * Myanmar Movie "Beyond Love"

Myanmar TV	8:10 am	12:50 pm	5:10 pm
Sunday, 9 January View on today	7. Musical Programme	6. Myanmar Movies	7. Documentary
	8:25 am	2:50 pm	5:25 pm
	8. Teleplay (Traffic)	7. International News	8. Sing & Enjoy
	8:40 am	4:00 pm	6:00 pm
	9. International News	1. Martial Song	9. Evening News
	8:45 am	4:10 pm	6:15 pm
	10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition	2. Musical Programme	10. Weather Report
	11:00 am	4:25 pm	6:20 pm
	1. Martial Song	3. Music on Winter Songs	11. Cartoon Series
	11:10 am	4:40 pm	6:40 pm
2. Musical Programme	4. Song Of National Races	12. Tamyethnar Takwetsar	
11:20 am	4:50 pm	7:00 pm	
3. Round Up Of The Week's International News	5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Myanmar)	13. TV Drama Series	
11:30 am	5:05 pm	8:00 pm	
4. TV Drama Series	6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit	14. News	
12:30 pm		15. International News	
5. Golf Magazine (TV)		16. Weather Report	
		17. Cartoon Series	
		18. TV Drama Series	

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Nweyit Village, source of cauliflowers and cabbages

Byline: Myit Maung Soe; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

Thahtaygon Village by the side of Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District is hustle and bustle with carts and lorries carrying vegetables.

Thahtaygon Village is the market place of cauliflowers, cabbages, carrots and so on as well as the place from which such vegetables are

transported to other regions. One can see lorries waiting to load vegetables from carts.

Our news crew of Myanma Alin daily proceeded to Nweyit Village, source of vegetables, from Thahtaygon Village. Nweyit Village is located on the opposite side of Sinthay Creek, about two miles to the west of Thahtaygon Village. Sinthay

Dam is one of the three dams in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District. Thanks to Sinthay Dam, local farmers can not only grow monsoon and summer paddy but practice double and multiple-cropping patterns.

Myamyitta wooden bridge links the two
(See page 9)



Thriving cabbage plantations seen stretching to the horizon near Nweyit Village, Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District.