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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

First Pyithu Hluttaw Session on 31 January

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — *The State Peace and Development Council issued Notification No. 1/2011 today. The unofficial translation of the notification is as follows:-*

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
Notification No. 1/2011
6th Waxing of Pyatho, 1372 ME
(10 January 2011)

First Pyithu Hluttaw Session summoned

It is hereby announced that the State Peace and Development Council, exercising the powers and duties vested by Article 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 32 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law, summons the First Pyithu Hluttaw Session to be held at 8.55 am on 12th Waning of Pyatho, 1372 ME (31 January 2011) (Monday) in Nay Pyi Taw.

Than Shwe
 Senior General
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First Amyotha Hluttaw Session on 31 January

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — *The State Peace and Development Council issued Notification No. 2/2011 today. The unofficial translation of the notification is as follows:-*

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
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6th Waxing of Pyatho, 1372 ME
(10 January 2011)

First Amyotha Hluttaw Session summoned

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Than Shwe
 Senior General
 Chairman
 State Peace and Development Council

First Region/State Hluttaw Session on 31 January

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — *The State Peace and Development Council issued Notification No. 3/2011 today. The unofficial translation of the notification is as follows:-*

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
Notification No. 3/2011
6th Waxing of Pyatho, 1372 ME
(10 January 2011)

First Region or State Hluttaw Session summoned

It is hereby announced that the State Peace and Development Council, exercising the powers and duties vested by Article 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 32 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law, summons the First Region or State Hluttaw Session to be held at 8.55 am on 12th Waning of Pyatho, 1372 ME (31 January 2011) (Monday) at the respective Region or State Hluttaws.

Than Shwe
 Senior General
 Chairman
 State Peace and Development Council

17 books on law and bylaw in circulation

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan—*The first Pyithu Hluttaw session, the first Amyotha Hluttaw session, and the first Region/State Hluttaw session will take place on the 12th Waning of Pyatho 1372 ME (31 January 2011) (Monday). So, 17 books on law and bylaw are published for public knowledge as follows:-*

- (a) State Seal Law and Bylaw
- (b) Law and Bylaw on Election of President and Vice-Presidents
- (c) Union Government Law
- (d) Region or State Government Law
- (e) Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Leading Body Law
- (f) Nay Pyi Taw Council Law
- (g) State Constitution Tribunal Law
- (h) Union Appointment Judicature Law
- (i) State Flag Law and Bylaw
- (j) National Anthem Law and Bylaw
- (k) Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law and Bylaw
- (l) Pyithu Hluttaw Law and Bylaw
- (m) Amyotha Hluttaw Law and Bylaw
- (n) Region or State Hluttaw Law and Bylaw
- (o) Union Judicial Law
- (p) Union Attorney-General Law
- (q) Union Auditor-General Law

The publications are available at Sarpay Beikman Book House on Merchants Street, Yangon, Book Store of the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road, and offices of Region/State, district and township Information and Public Relations Departments.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 11 January, 2011

Grow rubber plant everywhere

Rubber is widely used as an essential raw material, especially in producing tyre and industrial goods in industrialized countries. So, rubber is much in demand worldwide.

In Myanmar, rubber plant is grown on a commercial scale in Shan State that has favourable climate patterns apart from Taninthayi Region and Mon State.

Among them, Mon State is nurturing its goal of becoming a land of rubber plant farms. Now, much of the townships in Mon State is covered with rubber plant farms. Mon State is blessed with suitable amount of rainfall, climate patterns and fertile soil, so rubber plant grows very well in it.

In 2009-2010, Mon State's total acreage of rubber plant farms stood at 423,692, up from only 76,607 in 1988. Rubber plant farms in Mon State make up 37.06 percent of the total rubber plant coverage of the nation. Mon State produces rubber largely, with the per acre latex yield of 645.5 pounds.

The Perennial Plants Utilization Department in Pha-auk Village, Mawlamyine Township, Mon State, is doing research to produce high-yield rubber plant species. Five years into the constant research, the department has been able to produce rubber plant species of high yields.

The Rubber Plant Research and Reproduction Centre in Kyonpaik Village, Mudon Township, also produces high-yield species. Rubber products produced in Mudon, Thanbyzayat and Mawlamyine are of high quality.

If rubber plant is grown extensively everywhere with favourable conditions throughout the nation, farmers can improve State's economy in addition to their own.

Applied Google Earth & GIS course at Myanmar Credent Technology

YANGON, 10 Jan—Myanmar Credent Technology will soon conduct applied Google Earth & GIS (Geographic Information System) course at Myanmar Computer Federation Building No.1, Room No.4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, Yangon. The four-day course that starts on 22 January is intended for those who want to work in engineering field, companies, UN agencies and INGOs. Staff from government organizations, NGOs and members of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association, members of Myanmar Engineering Society and students will get a 20 percent discount. For more information, contact Myanmar Credent Technology and dial 652285 and 652286.—MNA

People's Voice

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

Myanmar Health Research Conference starts



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe addresses opening ceremony of Myanmar Health Research Conference.—MNA

YANGON, 10 Jan — The opening of Myanmar Health Research Conference of the Ministry of Health took place at the meeting hall of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) here this morning.

It was attended by Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, the Resident Representative of World Health Organization (WHO), officials from UNICEF and JICA, directors-

general of departments under the Ministry of Health, rectors, departmental officials, researchers and guests.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe delivered an address at the ceremony which was followed by the deputy minister's speech.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and party viewed Research Poster Show and medicines and medical equipment booths displayed at the conference.

He posed with officials and researchers at the opening ceremony.

MNA

Forestry Minister visits wood-based factories in Shwepyitha

YANGON, 10 Jan—Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung visited No. 6 Furniture Factory under Wood-based Industry in wood-based industrial region (Wataya), Shwepyitha Township, here, this morning.

The minister heard reports on function of the factory and inspected production process. The minister then inspected No. 7 Furniture Factory. Both the factories are supplying value-added sawn timbers, and parquet to local and international market.



Forestry Minister U Thein Aung visits Wood-based Factory of Htoo Trading Co Ltd in wood-based industrial region (Wataya), Shwepyitha Township.—MNA

The minister then went to wood-finishing industry of Htoo Trading

Co Ltd and viewed sawing and production process of value-added sawn timbers and hard wood and furniture.

MNA

Development of School Libraries and Reading Habit Festival held

YANGON, 10 Jan — Development of School Libraries and Reading Habit Festival was held in No. 3 Basic Education High School of Thakayta Township in Yangon Region this morning.

It was attended by departmental heads, officials, the Chairman and members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the Chairman

and members of Rural Library Foundation and guests.

Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 Basic Education Department, Deputy Director-General U Tint Swe of Information and Public Relations Department, Chairman of MWJA U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and Rural Library Foundation Chairman U Maung Maung formally launched the festival.

Book donations were made at the ceremony where authors and celebrities gave talks on literary knowledge.

MNA

NATO kills more than 10 militants in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Jan—NATO says it has killed more than 10 militants and captured two others in an operation targeting a Taliban leader in north Afghanistan.

The coalition said in a statement Monday that its forces, along with their Afghan counterparts, were searching for a Taliban leader who was the district leader of Khanabad in Kunduz Province. The coalition says he is linked to Taliban leaders in Pakistan and is involved in aiding the militants with roadside bombs and weapons.

NATO said troops attempted to draw the occupants out of the compound where the man was believed to be. When that failed, they entered the compound, a gunbattle ensued, and several militants were killed.

Kunduz police chief Abdul Rahman Sayedhkaili said 13 people were killed.—Internet

Iran plane crash toll rises to 77, black box found

TEHERAN, 10 Jan—Investigators on Monday found the black box from a passenger jet that broke to pieces on impact while trying an emergency landing in a snowstorm in northwestern Iran, killing at least 77 people.

The pilots of the *Boeing-727*, operated by Iran's national airline and carrying 104 passengers and crew, reported a technical failure to the control tower before trying to make the landing Sunday night, state-run TV reported. The IranAir aircraft broke into several pieces, but Mahmoud Mozaffar, head of the rescue department of Iran's Red Crescent Society, said there was no explosion or fire. Footage on state TV showed the plane's crumpled fuselage lying in a field, torn apart in several places, under whirling snow in the darkness as rescue workers and local farmers searched for survivors in the hours after the crash.—Internet



A handout photo provided by the Iranian news agency IRNA shows firefighters and Red Crescent rescuers working near the wreckage of a state-run Iran Air Boeing 727 airliner near the northwestern city of Orumiye in the West Azerbaijan Province. INTERNET

Melting snow floods German rivers

BERLIN, 10 Jan—Mild temperatures are melting record December snowfalls across Germany, causing rivers from the Rhine in the west to the Oder in the east to burst their banks, flooding cities, towns and fields.

Officials were watching flood levels on the Rhine river in the city of Koblenz on Monday which were expected to peak at 25 feet, 4 inches (7 metres, 70 centimetres). Further south, the Mosel river in western Germany peaked already on Sunday, after flooding several villages in the



People in a boat drive through the flooded streets of Zell at the Mosel river, southern Germany, on 9 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

wine-growing valley.

Officials also are carefully monitoring the Oder river on Germany's

eastern border, although waters there appear to be receding.

Internet

Flash floods kill two in water-weary NE Australia



A man is rescued by emergency workers after he was stranded clinging to a tree on a flooded street in Toowoomba, Australia, during a flash flood on 10 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

BRISBANE, 10 Jan—Flash floods swept through an Australian City Monday, killing at least two people, trapping others in cars and leaving some clinging to trees as relentless rains brought more misery to a region battling its worst flooding in decades.

The raging torrent of

muddy water picked up cars and tossed them like toys, carried away furniture as it washed through stores and prompted scores of emergency calls as it swamped Toowoomba, a city of about 90,000 in Queensland State in the northeast.

At least two people were killed, including one

female pedestrian, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service Assistant Commissioner Tom Dawson said. Video taken at the scene shows a man clutching a tree as the gushing water sweeps down a street, pushing vehicles off the road, into each other and flinging one van into trees. One small sedan was tossed about in murky brown rapids.

"We've had multiple calls requesting urgent assistance from people caught in vehicles, caught on the street, caught in flood ways," said Queensland Deputy Police Commissioner Ian Stewart, adding that the flash flood happened with no warning.

Internet

NATO to investigate alleged mistakenly killing three Afghan police

KABUL, 10 Jan—The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said on Monday that it is sending a joint team to look into an operation conducted in Daykundi Province 290 km west of Afghan Capital Kabul that allegedly left three Afghan police dead and injured three others.

"While conducting a patrol to Baladas Village, an ISAF team identified nine armed individuals setting up what appeared to be an ambush position," ISAF said in the statement. The team requested and received air support that engaged the armed individuals. It was later determined the air weapons team may have engaged an Afghan police team, the statement added.

Internet

Afghan girls hate war, hoping to compete in international cricket

KABUL, 10 Jan—Although Taliban-led militancy is going on unabated in the war-torn country, Afghan girls and women have been exercising their rights envisaged in the post-Taliban country's constitution. "I want to be flag bearer in the upcoming competition due in February in Kuwait," said Noshin, a member of Afghan women cricket team. An energetic Noshin, 19, like many Afghans, uses only one name and attired in sport costume, told *Xinhua* that "I don't want the conflicts to destroy my dreams and ruin my future. I hate the war." Noshin like many others, looks ambitious and was playing cricket in Bagh-e-Zanana, the only women park in the capital city Kabul where women even could not go inside during Taliban regime which collapsed in late 2001 by the NATO-led military campaign.

Dozens of women cricket players were busy in playing the game in this January, and the best ones of them will form Women National Cricket Team to compete in Kuwait next month.

The hardliner Taliban regime during its six-year reign had confined women to their houses and outlawed education for girls. Afghanistan only Sport Stadium — Ghazi Stadium in Kabul had seen chopping hands, flogging and killing people on charge of involvement in criminal activities during Taliban reign on each Friday — the Muslim weekly holiday.

"I wish our team to win the Asian cap tournament in Kuwait and that is why we are exercising hard to materialize our dream," she said.—*Xinhua*



Zaher Sami, 42, inspects his damaged car after a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, recently.—INTERNET



Science

Longstanding mystery of Sun's hot outer atmosphere solved



Narrow jets of material, called spicules, streak upward from the Sun's surface at high speeds.—INTERNET

BOULDER, 10 Jan—One of the most enduring mysteries in solar physics is why the Sun's outer atmosphere, or corona, is millions of degrees hotter than its surface.

Now scientists believe they have discovered a major source of hot gas that replenishes the corona: jets of plasma shooting up from just above the Sun's surface.

The finding addresses a fundamental question in astrophysics: how energy is moved from the Sun's interior to create its hot outer atmosphere.

"It's always been quite a puzzle to figure out why the Sun's atmosphere is hotter than its surface," says Scott McIntosh, a solar physicist at the High Altitude Observatory of the National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colo, who was involved in the study.

"By identifying that these jets insert heated plasma into the Sun's outer atmosphere, we can gain a much greater understanding of that region and possibly improve our knowledge of the Sun's subtle influence on the Earth's upper atmosphere."—Internet

Climate change would continue without emissions

CALGARY, 10 Jan—A study predicts there will be havoc akin to a big-budget Hollywood disaster movie in the next 1,000 years even if people stop emitting all carbon dioxide into the atmosphere now.

Researchers from the University of Calgary and Environment Canada's climate centre at the University of Victoria say coastal areas will flood and the Earth's land mass will shrink as global sea levels rise by at least four metres.

They also believe parts of North Africa will dry out by up to 30 percent and ocean warming is likely to trigger widespread collapse of the West Antarctic ice sheet, a region the size of the Canadian Prairies.

"It's probably slower playing than some of the disaster movies," said Shawn Marshall, a geography professor at the University of Calgary who holds the Canada Research Chair in Climate

Change. "We were kind of surprised by the result, actually. Even if we change behaviour and totally change society, we're still in store for a lot of bad scenarios. I feel a bit defeatist from it."

The team used computer modelling to speculate how the world would change by the year 3000 in a "zero emissions" scenario. The results are published in Sunday's advanced online publication of the journal *Nature Geoscience*.—Internet



A boy walks past a brick factory on the outskirts of Jammu, India, Saturday, on 11 Dec, 2010. After two decades of unbridled development, India is now the world's third-largest greenhouse gas emitter.

INTERNET

Love music? Thank a substance in your brain

MONTERAL, 10 Jan— Whether it's the Beatles or Beethoven, people like music for the same reason they like eating or having sex: It makes the brain release a chemical that gives pleasure, a new study says.

The brain substance is involved both in anticipating a particularly thrilling musical moment and in feeling the rush from it, researchers found.

Previous work had already suggested a role for dopamine, a substance brain cells release to communicate with each other. But the new work, which scanned people's brains as they listened to music, shows it happening directly.

While dopamine normally helps us feel the pleasure of eating or having sex, it also helps produce euphoria from illegal drugs. It's active in particular circuits of the brain.

The tie to dopamine helps explain why music is so widely popular across cultures, Robert Zatorre and Valorie Salimpoor of McGill University in Montreal write in an article posted online Sunday by the journal *Nature Neuroscience*.—Internet



Technology

Hands-on with Haier's New HDTVs

SAN DIEGO, 10 Jan—Haier's 2011 HDTVs look bright, sharp, and slick—and as the official TV brand of the NBA, we simply had to stop by at the CES show floor and check out their upcoming gear.

First, we took a look at their revamped edge-lit LED TV lineup—the high-end EV series, which comes in 42-inch, 46-inch, and 55-inch models. Design-wise, their glass bezel and swivel stand look slick, if slightly conservative.

Next, we got a quick tour through their Internet-connected features, which were served by the built-in Wi-Fi adapter. At the moment, they've got Netflix, Pandora, and Hulu Plus, with plans to add Blockbuster's video rental service. Of course, the EV series can automatically update the firmware through the Wi-Fi network connection, so they'll be able to add new services as they become available.

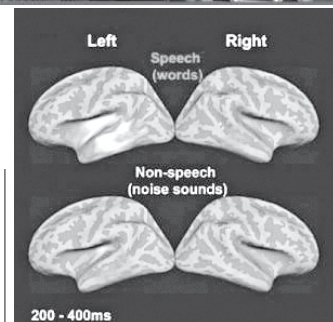
Internet

Babies process language in a grown-up way

NEW YORK, 10 Jan—Babies, even those too young to talk, can understand many of the words that adults are saying — and their brains process them in a grown-up way.

Combining the cutting-edge technologies of MRI and MEG, scientists at the University of California, San Diego show that babies just over a year old process words they hear with the same brain structures as adults, and in the same amount of time. Moreover, the researchers found that babies were not merely processing the words as sounds, but were capable of grasping their meaning.

This study was jointly led by Eric Halgren, PhD, professor of radiology in the School of Medicine, Jeff Elman, PhD, professor of cognitive science in the Division of Social Sciences, and first author, Katherine E Travis, of the Department of Neurosciences and the Multimodal Imaging Laboratory, all at UC San Diego. The work is published this week in the Oxford University Press journal *Cerebral Cortex*.—Internet



This graphic shows estimated brain activity (indicated by bright colours) in four infants.—INTERNET



Sifteo wireless game cubes are displayed at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show, on 8 January, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sifteo cubes are digital interactive tiles or blocks with full-colour screens that respond to motion and to each other wirelessly. CES, the world's largest annual consumer technology tradeshow, ended on Sunday

INTERNET

Archos 70 Android tablet packs a hulking hard disk drive

WASHINGTON, 10 Jan—Archos' Android tablets tend to be pretty generic, but its latest 7-inch tablet has one big distinction: a 250 GB hard disk drive.

Yup, that's a good old-fashioned spinning disk — the first to appear in an Android tablet. Picking up the Archos 70 at the company's CES booth, the hard drive's presence was obvious. The tablet was warm to touch, particularly on its bottom half, and it's noticeably heavier and chunkier than Archos' 7-inch tablet with flash storage.

To be more specific, it weighs 14 ounces and measures 0.55 inches thick, compared to 11 ounces and 0.43 inches for the A70 with 8 GB flash drive.

Still, the use of a hard drive wasn't a serious detriment to the tablet's performance. The HDD-equipped A70, which runs Android 2.2 with a 1 GHz processor, was pleasantly responsive, and the video game Real Racing ran without a hiccup. Previously-opened apps resumed immediately, and freshly-executed ones lagged just slightly behind Archos' solid state A70.—Internet

Health

Smoke alarm raised as tobacco plays leading screen role



A sign that reads "Non-Smoking Wards" in Chinese is seen in a hospital in Meishan City, southwest China's Sichuan Province on 8 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 10 Jan—Smoking is commonly depicted on films and TV and could mislead young people into associating the habit with glamour, according to supporters of tobacco control.

While smoking scenes on TV did not constitute outright tobacco advertisements, they could easily mislead adolescents and leave them with a wrong understanding of the health implications, Yang Gonghuan, director of the National Tobacco Control Office, said.

"A decrease in such screen shots will be good for protecting the young from tobacco," Yang said.

Smoking features regularly on TV and one recent night's viewing provides an example.

Reporters monitored seven

television channels on 4 Jan, and during the peak viewing hours from 8 pm to 10 pm, there were 49 screen shots of smoking from four TV series.

However, these findings are only a part of the bigger picture.

The Chinese Association on Tobacco Control (CATC), a non-profit organization, issued a report in August 2010 after monitoring 40 domestic Chinese movies and 30 local TV series.

Internet

Immune disorders may raise blood clot risk in hospitalized patients

LONDON, 10 Jan—People with immune-related disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus may be at increased risk for developing potentially deadly blood clots during hospital stays, a new study has found.

Researchers at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom analyzed 45 years' worth of medical records of patients who were hospitalized for immune-related disorders and had no evidence or prior history of blood

clots in a vein, also called venous thromboembolism (VTE) — one type of which can break off and travel to block a blood vessel in the lungs.

The patients were divided into different groups based on their immune-related condition. The researchers then compared them to patients who were hospitalized for minor, non-immune-related problems such as broken bones and minor surgical procedures.

The findings are published in the current online edition of the journal *BMC Medicine*.

Internet

Prozac shows promise in recovery from stroke

LONDON, 10 Jan—Giving the antidepressant drug Prozac to people who have just had a stroke could help them to regain more control over their movements and allow more of them to live independently, scientists said Monday.

In the largest study yet of the effect of this type of antidepressant on stroke recovery, French researchers found that stroke patients given Prozac improved their scores in motor skills tests more than those given a placebo, or dummy pill.

Experts commenting on the findings said they had "enormous potential to change clinical practice" and raised the question of whether most stroke patients with motor skill problems should be

treated with this relatively cheap type of antidepressant.

Stroke is the single largest cause of adult disability and the third-largest cause of death in the developed world.

The cost of caring for its victims, who often have motor function difficulties like paralysis or weakness on one side, puts a heavy burden on already stretched healthcare systems.

A few previous small trials had already suggested that giving drugs like Prozac, which belongs to a drug class known as selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs), might improve motor skill recovery after stroke.

Prozac was developed by Eli Lilly and is now available in a cheaper generic form as fluoxetine.—Reuters



The USB Insta-scan Thermometer from Ion Health is displayed at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show at the Las Vegas Convention Centre in Las Vegas, Nevada.—INTERNET

Business

Laos to open stock market

BANGKOK, 10 Jan— Laos is set to open a stock market Tuesday, hoping it will attract capital to its largest enterprises and thus boost the economy of one of the world's poorest nations.

The Lao Securities Exchange, headquartered in the capital of Vientiane, will debut with shares offered by just two state-owned enterprises — Electricite du Laos Generation Company (EDL), the country's major energy enterprise, and the Banque Pour Le Commerce Extérieur Lao, official Lao media said Monday. Foreign participation will be limited.

South Korea's Korea Exchange is investing \$9.8 million, or 49 percent of the venture, most of it for technology systems and training, according to the Seoul-based stock market operator. The Bank of Laos, the country's central bank, is investing \$10.2 million, or 51 percent.

Neighbouring Thailand also offered assistance. "There's a twofold reason. The exchange will allow an alternate source of capital other than banks and allow public participation in the growth of the economy," said Lorraine Tan, director of equities research at Standard & Poor's in Singapore.

Internet

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 5 Nov, 2010.—INTERNET

DuPont close to buying Danisco for over \$5 billion

NEW YORK, 10 Jan—Chemicals maker DuPont is close to a deal to buy Danish food ingredients and enzymes company Danisco for more than \$5 billion, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Sunday.

A deal could be announced as early as Monday, the paper said.

Buying Danisco, which has a market valuation of about \$4.4 billion, would accelerate Wilmington, Delaware-based DuPont's growth into the fast-growing food sector.

It would also enable Dupont to enter a niche in the chemical industry - food additives - long dominated by smaller rival International Flavors and Fragrances Inc.

DuPont and Danisco could not immediately be reached for comment.—Reuters



A DuPont logo is pictured on the EMEA (Europe, Middle East & Africa) and Du Pont de Nemours International SA building in Grand-Saconnex near Geneva on 4 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Asian stock markets lower after US jobs report

SEOUL, 10 Jan—Asian stock markets were mostly lower Monday as a disappointing US jobs report late last week sent Wall Street lower.



Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped less than 0.1 percent to 23,678.22. China's Shanghai Composite index was lower by 0.2 percent to 2,831.60.

South Korea's Kospi fell 0.4 percent to 2,078.77, while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was narrowly down by 3.6 points to 4,701.70. Indexes in Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines were also down. Bucking the trend was the New Zealand exchange, up by 0.1 percent to 3,320.78.

Financial markets in Japan were closed Monday for a national holiday. The Nikkei 225 stock average, Asia's largest, rose Friday to a fresh eight-month high of 10,541.04.—Internet

9-year-old killed in US shooting was born on 9/11

Tucson, 10 Jan—Christina-Taylor Green, the nine-year-old who was killed Saturday along with five other people at an Arizona political event, was drawn to politics from the awareness she was born on 11 September, 2001, her parents have said.

“She was born back east, and 11 September affected everyone there, and Christina-Taylor was always very aware of it. She was very patriotic and wearing red, white and blue was really special to her,” Roxanne Green told the *Arizona Daily Star*.

“She was born on 9/11, the day the towers came down in New York City,” her father John Green told *Fox News* on Sunday. The dark-haired, brown-eyed third-grader was one of 50 babies born on

that date featured in a book called “Faces of Hope.”

She had gone to the Tucson strip mall with a neighbour on Saturday to meet congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who was still in critical condition Sunday after being shot through the head, according to the newspaper.

Christina-Taylor died in hospital after the shooting. Her neighbour, identified by the girl’s father as Susy Almond, was shot four times and recovering from surgery at Tucson’s University Medical Centre, the daily said.

Six people were killed, including a federal judge, and 14 were wounded in the shooting spree, in which 22-year-old Jared Lee Loughner was charged Sunday.

Internet



Visitors look at Chinese characters made of osier branches at the National Art Museum of China (NAMOC) located in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 Jan, 2011. An exhibition focusing on the folk art of Weifang, Linyi and Heze in east China’s Shandong Province opened in NAMOC Sunday.

XINHUA

Guantanamo still open as 9th anniversary looms

WASHINGTON, 10 Jan—Almost nine years ago to the day, a prison for “war on terror” detainees opened its doors in a remote US base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. And despite grand promises, it is unlikely to shut any time soon.

At this point, it is clear that Guantanamo will not be closed during this presidential term, or maybe even the next one, despite administration claims that it remains committed to the goal,” Columbia University professor, Matthew Waxman, said.

Internet



Passengers queue up to buy train tickets at Shanghai Railway Station in Shanghai, east China, on 9 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

S Korea battles bird flu, foot-and-mouth

SEOUL, 10 Jan—South Korea confirmed three new cases of bird flu on Sunday as the outbreak that began last month further hits farmers who are also battling the nation’s worst-ever outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.

The agriculture ministry confirmed three new cases of the highly contagious virus at duck farms in the southwestern county of Yeongam, bringing the total number of cases to

seven since 31 December.

At least 396,000 chickens, ducks and other birds have been or will be culled, the agriculture ministry said on its website, as the fresh cases were reported after a week-long pause.

Health authorities have placed quarantine zones around nearby areas to carry out emergency disinfection on people and vehicles, especially those transporting animal feed.—Internet



People stand nearby a quarantine checkpoint in Seoul’s Gwangjin District. South Korea confirmed three new cases of bird flu as the outbreak that began last month further hits farmers who are also battling the nation’s worst-ever outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.—INTERNET

6.4-magnitude quake hits Vanuatu

NEW YORK, 10 Jan—An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale jolted Vanuatu at 17:21:55 GMT on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 32.80 km, was initially determined to be at 19.2808 degrees south latitude and 168.1325 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

Moderate quake hits off Chilean Coast

WASHINGTON, 10 Jan—An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale struck off the coast of Maule, Chile, at 6:02:52 GMT Monday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 25.50 km, was initially determined to be at 35.5778 degrees south latitude and 73.1168 degrees west longitude.—Xinhua



Haitians drive past an earthquake-hit road on 8 January. More than 800,000 people are still living in camps, but that is down from 1.35 million just in September, the International Organization for Migration said.

INTERNET

China defence chief says military hardware drive no threat

BEIJING, 10 Jan—China’s military technology lags decades behind the world’s most advanced armed forces and does not threaten any country, the Chinese defence minister said on Monday after talks with Defence Secretary Robert Gates. Gates’s visit from Sunday to Wednesday comes a week before Chinese President Hu Jintao’s state visit to Washington.

“The efforts that we place on the research and development of weapons systems are by no means targeted at any third country or any other countries in the world, and it will by no means threaten any other country in the world,” Chinese Minister of Defence Liang Guanglie told reporters after talks with Gates.

US officials have noted quick advances in China’s anti-ship ballistic missile programme, which could challenge US aircraft carriers.

China may also be preparing to launch its first aircraft carrier in 2011, faster than some estimates, and new photos indicate it has a prototype of a stealth fighter jet.

Reuters

51 executed in Mexico drug violence

MEXICO CITY, 10 Jan—Drug-related violence over the weekend claimed 51 lives across Mexico, including 15 decapitations in the beach resort of Acapulco, authorities reported.

The beheadings, mutilations, drive-by shootings and summary executions were carried out in southeastern Guerrero and northern Chihuahua states, as well as in the Mexican capital, despite the government’s five-year, 50,000-troop crackdown on organized crime.

By far the grisliest scene unfolded Saturday at an Acapulco shopping centre where the decapitated bodies of 15 men were found on the sidewalk, with their severed heads bunched nearby. Two of the victims were 17 years old, a Guerrero official said.

It was the worst mass decapitation since August 2008, when 12 headless bodies were found in eastern Yucatan state capital Merida, in a crime attributed to the notorious Los Zetas drug cartel.

Another six murder victims were found Saturday in Acapulco stuffed inside a taxi near a supermarket, and four other men were murdered in two separate incidents in the city, Guerrero state police said.

Internet

Oil jumps above \$89 after Alaska pipeline leak

SINGAPORE, 10 Jan—Oil prices jumped above \$89 a barrel Monday in Asia after a pipeline leak cut Alaskan crude output.

Benchmark oil for February delivery rose \$1.35 to \$89.38 a barrel midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 30 cents to settle at \$88.03 in Friday.

The 800-mile (1,300-kilometre) trans-Alaska pipeline, which normally carries between 630,000 and 650,000 barrels a day, was shut Saturday after a leak was discovered at a North Slope pump station, said Alyeska Pipeline Service Co, which manages the line. North



A mooring station for oil tankers can be seen at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Marine Terminal in Valdez, Alaska on 8 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Slope production was reduced to 5 percent of normal. Alyeska Pipeline said cleanup crews have contained the leak, but the

company didn't know when the pipeline would restart operations.

"The 95 percent drop in output from Alaska is

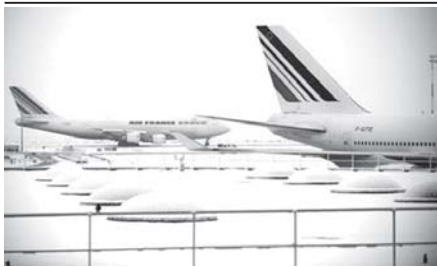
bullish," energy consultant The Schork Report said. "Such high levels of uncertainty will have traders scrambling."—INTERNET

Air France-KLM loses 70 m euros due to snow

PARIS, 10 Jan—Air France-KLM said on Monday that bad weather in December that led to the closure of airports across Europe cost the company an estimated 70 million euros (\$90 million), the Franco-Dutch airline said in a statement.

"The passenger and cargo activities were each affected by the periods of heavy snowfall in December in both Europe and the United States," the airline said.

"Unit revenues rose slightly in passenger and more strongly in cargo. The impact on revenues of these weather disruptions is estimated at 70 million euros," it said.—INTERNET



Air France planes at Charles de Gaulle-Roissy airport, in December 2010. Air France-KLM said on Monday that bad weather in December that led to the closure of airports across Europe cost the company an estimated 70 million euros (\$90 million), the Franco-Dutch airline said in a statement.—INTERNET

Volkswagen to keep Passat name on new midsize

DETROIT, 10 Jan—Volkswagen is keeping the Passat name for a new midsize vehicle that will be built at the company's new US plant in Tennessee.

Volkswagen of America Inc announced plans Sunday to maintain the Passat nameplate at an event before media previews of the North American International Auto Show. The German automaker plans to reveal the new car to journalists on Monday.

VW said the Passat will carry a starting price of around \$20,000, allowing it to compete with its rivals in the competitive midsize segment. Current Passat models, which are built in Germany, start at \$27,195.

The new Passat is a key part of the company's plan to triple sales in the US by 2018. Jonathan Browning, VW's North American president and CEO, said that while the company thrived in Europe in past years, the company "became a marginal player here in one of the world's most important markets. That is no longer acceptable."

Volkswagen will produce the new Passat at its \$1 billion Chattanooga, Tenn, plant. The car is expected to go on sale later this year.

The facility, which will employ 2,000 workers, is the company's first US assembly plant since it closed its New Stanton, Pa, plant in 1988 following disappointing sales.—INTERNET



This product image provided by Volkswagen shows the new Volkswagen Passat. Volkswagen is keeping the Passat name for the new midsize vehicle that will be built at the company's new US plant in Tennessee.—INTERNET

China's first capsule hotel to open in Shanghai

BEIJING, 10 Jan—China's first capsule hotel will be opened in Shanghai to attract many budget travelers with low prices, a Chinese newspaper reported Monday.

The 300-square-metre hotel, located on the north side of the Shanghai Railway Station, consists of 68 "capsules", each 1.1-metres high, 1.1-metres wide and 2.2-metres long, said a report of *China Daily*.

All of the capsules are imported from Japan where capsule hotels originated, and each is equipped with independent sockets,

clocks, lights, TV and wireless Internet service. The hotel also has a public lavatory, shower room, smoking room and shared guest room.

The basic rate is 28 yuan (4.22 US dollars) per person, plus an additional 4 yuan an hour. The hotel also offers a package of 68 yuan for 10 hours and 88 yuan for 24 hours. Like most of capsule hotels in Japan, the one in Shanghai is for men only.

Xinhua

Apple to release iPad 2 in next "3-4" weeks?

BEIJING, 10 Jan—Apple is expected to release a new generation of its popular tablet computer iPad in the next "three to four" weeks, according to Kevin Rose, the founder of content-sharing website Digg.

"I have it on good authority that Apple will be announcing the iPad 2 in the next '3-4' weeks," possibly Tuesday February 1st," Rose was quoted by media reports Monday as saying in his blog.

"The iPad 2 will feature a retina display and front/back camera. If you're thinking of buying an iPad, hold off for now."

A new generation of iPad might include cameras, FaceTime video chat and mini-USB port, according to an earlier report from PC World.

In earlier December, 2010, news reports said Apple had planned to possibly start mass production of the next-generation iPad in January, but those plans were postponed until about February, as the tablet's hardware and specifications have not been finalized by Apple.

So far, Apple has given no official confirmation regarding the release of the tablet.—Xinhua

Information & Communication Trade Expo concludes in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 10 Jan—The Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Info-Trade 2011 "Branding Expo" concluded in Nepali Capital, Kathmandu on Sunday.

Information & Communication Technology Association of Nepal (ICT-Nepal) had organized the fair with the slogan "To Share Information & Communication Technology Trading".

The fair had started on 5 January at Bhrikuti Mandap Exhibition Hall, Exhibition Road, Kathmandu, Nepal. More than 25,000 officials around the country and major IT delegates from all over the world participated in the fair. More than 450,000 visitors visited the event, according to the organizers.

Many national and international brands like Acer, Akkord, Altec Lansing, Aoc LCD Monitor, Anid, Asus Aztech, Belkin, Benq, Brother, Creative, Dynamic, Edifier, Edimax, Epson, Foxcom, Genius, HCL, HP, Hyundai, Intel, Kaspersky, Lenovo, Lexmark, M-Audio, Microsoft, Mitsubishi, Motorola, MSI, Nokia, Philips, Pinnacle, Powercom, Quickheal, Richo Samsung, Silion-Power, Sony Ericsson, Storium, Sukam, Techcom, Toshiba, TP Link, Verbatim participated in the expo, according to Pawan Pradhan, a dealer of computer and parts, the fair was a good arena for all the companies.

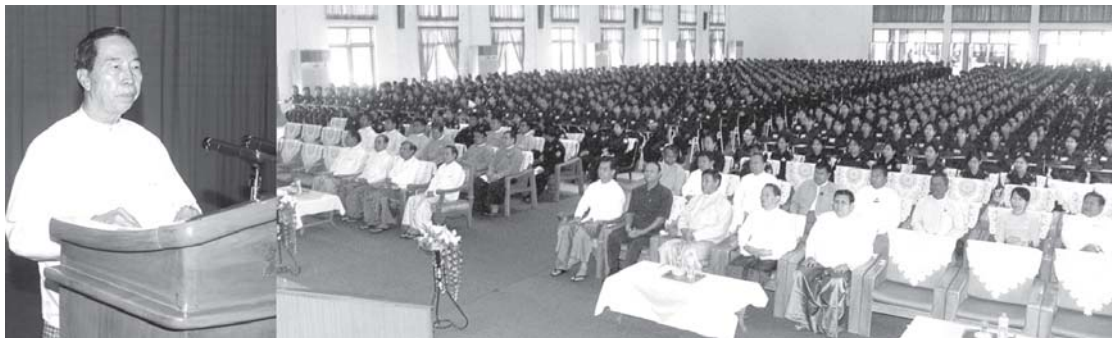
Xinhua

A citizen shows two rabbit toys at a store in Nanchang, capital of central China's Jiangxi Province, on 9 Jan, 2011. The year 2011 is the "Year of the Rabbit" under the 12-year Chinese lunar calendar in which each year is named after one of the twelve Chinese zodiac animals in turn.—XINHUA



Basic education teachers are to inculcate students with sense of safeguarding nation and people by employing effectively already-achieved stability, peace and rule of law

Refresher Course No. 74 for Basic Education Teachers opens



Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung makes opening address at opening ceremony of Refresher Course No. 74 for Basic Education Teachers.

MNA

YANGON, 10 Jan —The opening of Refresher Course No. 74 for Basic Education Teachers took place at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township here this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung made an opening address.

Also present were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Auditor-General U Lun Maung, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and deputy ministers, CSSTB members U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung, departmental heads, the rector of CICS (Phaunggyi) and pro rectors, heads of department and faculty members and trainees.

In his address, the minister said that the Government is laying sound foundations for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed

nation while democratization process is underway in accord with Myanmar's topography, culture and history. The fifth step of the seven-step Road Map has been implemented, and the remaining steps are ongoing. So, the national goal is within the touching distance.

With a very long historical background and rich cultural heritage, Myanmar stood as a sovereign country. The nation observes the fine tradition of exerting mighty strength of national unity in repulsing the attacks of aliens casting a covetous eye on the nation's geographically strategic location and rich natural resources.

As a result, the nation stands tall among world nations. Therefore, national races are duty-bound to shape the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed nation, while maintaining sound traditions.

He quoted the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, as saying that all citizens are to work together in building a peaceful, modern and

developed nation. With the concept that carrying out nation-building endeavours is not only promoting national glory but also safeguarding the nation, all national brethren have to make concerted efforts to achieve the national goal.

In compliance with the guidance, basic education teachers are also to inculcate students with the sense of safeguarding the nation and the people by employing effectively the already-achieved stability, peace and the rule of law.

He noted that if they round the students in skills and attitudes since their youth, there will be a growing number of reliable, highly-educated youngsters with high moral conduct and self-discipline.

In conclusion, he urged the trainees to study the lessons with all seriousness throughout the course.

A total of 1502 teachers from basic education schools in lower Myanmar are taking the five-week course.

MNA

MOFA conducts Basic Diplomatic Skills Course

YANGON, 10 Jan—The inauguration ceremony of the certificate course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (25/2011) conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Wunziminmyazar Hall of the ministry this evening, with an address by Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of the Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Also present on the occasion were deputy directors-general and responsible personnel of the ministry, retired Myanmar Ambassadors, senior diplomats, professors, instructors and trainees.

It was learnt that the 12-week course comprises contemporary international affairs, holding and attending of international conferences, negotiation skills, international law, international economic relations, international etiquette, diplomatic and official correspondence and communication skills and is being attended by 195 trainees.—MNA

KIA mine kills local

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan—U Kuan Pan residing at No. 2 Ward, Sadone, Waimaw Township, Kachin State was killed in a mine blast on 7 January evening as he stepped the mine planted by KIA insurgents in the forest, about three miles to the south of the town.

MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein discussing academic matters at Mandalay University of Foreign Languages on 9 January. (News Reported)—MNA

Bamboo grove management and utilization course opens

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan—Under the aegis of (CFC/ INBAR/ 01 Project) a course on bamboo grove management and utilization was opened at Yezin Forest Research Department in Zeyathiri Township, here this morning, with an address

by Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department under Ministry of Forestry.

The five-day course jointly organized by Forest Department of Ministry of Forestry, International Network for Bamboo and Rattan and

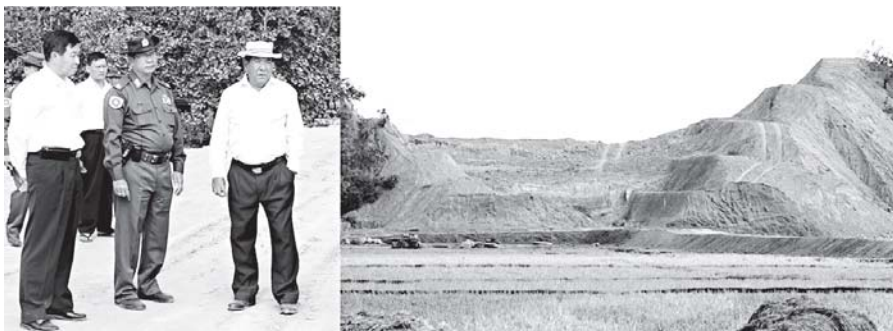
Common Fund for Commodities is being attended by 30 trainees from related ministries, non-governmental organizations, bamboo handicraft, and bamboo-growing industries.

The course covers systematic management of natural bamboo

groves, establishment of bamboo groves, production of bamboo-shoots, bamboo fuel, and value-added bamboo products, as well as educative programmes such as condition of local and international bamboo market, environmental conservation, climate change and roles of forests.

MNA

Commander inspects Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad Project



Commander Brig-Gen Soe Thein, Minister U Aung Min and Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspect building of earthen embankments of railroad in Kyauktaw Township.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspected the site chosen for building an earthen retaining wall at the level crossing of Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad Project in MraukU on 8 January.

They viewed the site for building MraukU Station.

They also inspected sites for building MraukU Halt, the level crossing at Yangon-Sittway Road, Dhammarit Station, and Maha Muni Station.

Next, they inspected the building of earthen embankments for the railroad in Kyauktaw Township, maintenance of Pekauk Bridge, the laying of rail tracks near Apaukwa Village, and the site for building Apaukwa Station, and Yoचाung Bridge Project.

Yesterday, the commander and party inspected Naryikan Creek Bridge Project and the site for building Padaleik Station.—MNA

EP-2 Minister visits Capital Power Transformer Factory

YANGON, 10 Jan — Township in Yangon Region yesterday afternoon. He heard reports on establishment and background history of the factory submitted by factory administration

body at the meeting hall of the factory.

He heard reports submitted by officials and left necessary instructions while inspecting the production line of the factory.—MNA

FEM brand perfume and cosmetics on market

YANGON, 10 Jan—Twin Brothers perfume and cosmetics has been selling FEM brand cosmetics imported from India since 2007. Being International brand, FEM brand cosmetics are popular. More than 20 kinds of perfume and cosmetics are available at

supermarkets and stores across the country. For more detail, dial 01-200676 and 09-5112647.

MNA

UMFCCI holds course opening and concluding ceremony

YANGON, 10 Jan — The opening and concluding ceremony of courses conducted by Human Resources Development Working Committee of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry was held at the UMFCCI office here yesterday afternoon. Vice-President of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win addressed the ceremony and Committee Member Executive Principal Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe explained the purpose of opening the courses.

Vice-Presidents U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win and U Thauang Tin and officials presented prizes to outstanding trainees and completing certificates.

The courses were attended by 235 trainees.

MNA

Health Minister receives Staff Member of US Senate of American Embassy

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Staff Member of the United States Senate Mr Paul Grove and party of American Embassy in Myanmar at the ministry here this morning.

The minister discussed objectives,

strategies and implementing tasks of the Ministry of Health; collaboration among the ministry, UN agencies and international NGOs in the fight against three major diseases — AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria — with the assistance of Global

Fund; building and upgrading hospitals in Nargis-torn regions and the increasing fund use of the ministry.

It was also attended by directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials of the Ministry of Health.

MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint receives a delegation led by Mr Paul Grove, Staff Member of the United States Senate from US Embassy.—MNA

Independence Day commemorative festival...

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the festival included special sales of Ministry of Industry-1. Companies also sold a variety of personal goods. At the festival, Thanakha (*limonia acidissima*), food stuff and clothes from four corners of the country were sold. The Independence Day

commemorative festival is annually held there on a grand scale. It is not only a very popular festival but also a festival of imparting general knowledge on Myanmar culture and tradition to the youths.

Translation: MT (Kyemon 7-1-2011)



Photo shows "Thanakha" shops.

Seven civil appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of the Supreme Court (Yangon) U Khin Myint and U Tin Aye sitting at the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgment of five special civil appeal cases. And then they heard seven civil appeal cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, today.

MNA



Photo taken on 10 Jan, 2011 shows gold sculptures displayed at an exhibition in Hong Kong, south China. A gold sculpture exhibition kicked off here on Monday, with around 100 exhibits worth of 50 million Hong Kong dollars going on show. XINHUA

No sign of fishing trawler missing in Russia

MOSCOW, 10 Jan— The head of Russia's fisheries agency says a fishing trawler that disappeared last week after sending an SOS either has sunk or sent the distress signal to disguise its escape from the Asia-Pacific region.

The Partnyor, with about a dozen Russian crew aboard, was last heard from Friday near Sakhalin Island. A search turned up no trace of the ship. Federal fisheries agency chief

Andrei Krainy told *Russian* news agencies Monday that the Partnyor may have sunk. Another possibility, he said, was that the vessel, which had been caught poaching last year, may have fled the region. To the north in the Sea of Okhotsk, Russian icebreakers were working to free two vessels that have been trapped in thick ice for 11 days. Officials say the crews are in no danger.—*Internet*

Man hit, killed by subway train in W Chicago

CHICAGO, 10 Jan— A man in his 40s was hit and killed by a subway train Saturday night at a station in West Chicago.

A southbound train struck a man at a station in West Chicago's Ukrainian Village neighbourhood, the local media *Chicago Tribune* Sunday quoted the metro company's spokeswoman as saying.

The injured man was taken in critical condition to a nearby hospital and was announced dead there.

The identity of the man was not immediately known and an autopsy will be conducted to determine the manner of death.

The train power had been completely restored and subway service was back to normal on Sunday. *Xinhua*



People buy goods for the forthcoming Spring Festival in Hong Kong, South China, on 9 Jan, 2011. The Chinese people make special purchases for the Spring Festival, or the Chinese Lunar New Year, which falls up on 3 Feb this year.—XINHUA

Two more deaths reported in western skiing areas

SALMON, 10 Jan— A snowboarder and a downhill skier died at a ski resort in northwestern Montana this weekend, bringing to at least 10 the number of fatalities this season at ski areas in the western United States.

In separate incidents on Saturday at Whitefish Mountain Resort in Montana, a 29-year-old snowboarder suffocated in deep snow outside the bounds of the ski area and a 68-year-old man had likely died of a heart attack while skiing on a groomed run, a resort

official said on Sunday.

The snowboarder was the second person to die in as many weeks at the ski area near Glacier National Park after falling into what is known as a tree well, or a pit of loose snow that can form beneath evergreens, said Whitefish Mountain Resort spokesman Donnie Clapp.

"We haven't had a tree-well fatality in more than 10 years, now we've had two in two weeks," Clapp said.

Reuters



An Indian man wrapped in woolens walks on a street as thick fog envelopes the city on a cold winter morning in Hyderabad, India, on 9 Jan, 2011. An official says dozens of people have died due to cold weather across northern India despite government efforts to distribute firewood and blankets to the poor.—INTERNET

Cold weather kills 13 more people in north India

LUCKNOW, 10 Jan— Near-freezing temperatures and icy Himalayan winds killed 13 people overnight in northern India, bringing the death toll to nearly 100 from a cold snap that began three weeks ago, police said Monday.

The worst-hit is the state of Uttar Pradesh, where at least 81 people — mostly poor and homeless — have died because of the intense cold.

At least 13 people died overnight in Uttar Pradesh, police spokesman Surendra Srivastav said Monday.

In New Delhi, 10 people have died in the past two weeks, while another six deaths were reported from Jharkhand state.

Uttar Pradesh is one of India's poorest states and nearly a fifth of its 180 million people are homeless, according to state government statistics.—*Internet*



Children play at a road covered with snow and ice in a village in Quanzhou County of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 8 Jan, 2010. Despite the difficulty that cold weather brought to local people's life, children enjoy the fun with the snow-covered world. XINHUA



This photo taken on 4 January, shows Indian youth working out in a gymnasium at the Jamia Sports Complex, which was built for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, in New Delhi. The Games' sporting legacy has also been hard to identify as venues remain locked up and public enthusiasm dissipates despite an impressive medal haul by the host nation, which came second in the table behind Australia. INTERNET

Nine killed by floods, mudslides in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 10 Jan— Sri Lanka's government says that at least nine people have been killed in floods and mudslides caused by heavy rain across the country.

The Disaster Management Centre said in a statement Sunday that one person has been reported missing and more than 55,000 people have become homeless and are housed in camps.

Internet

Car crashes into Jamaica home, killing four at wake

KINGSTON, 10 Jan— Police in Jamaica say a motorist lost control of his car and crashed into a house where a wake was being held, killing four people and injuring three.

Police Cpl Natalie Lawrence says the driver of a Toyota Caldina swerved off the busy Bustamante Highway in Clarendon parish in southern Jamaica and slammed into a home where dozens of mourners were gathered before dawn Sunday.

Lawrence says the three injured are being treated at a hospital, including the driver. She says the driver is under police guard as authorities investigate the crash.—*Internet*

Chrysler hopes to rev up comeback with new 300

DETROIT, 10 Jan—The Chrysler 300, once a hot-selling sedan distinguished by a tall grille and big wheels, will attempt a comeback at the Detroit auto show. It's an important car in a pivotal year for the company, which must start making money before a public stock sale can happen.

The new 300, which will be revealed Monday during the show's opening media day, keeps the basic look of the old: It's a muscular car with a long hood and short back. But the remade version is sleeker, and Chrysler toned down the gangster-mobile grille and replaced its round headlamps with subtle

rectangular ones. Gas mileage went up 8 percent and the interior has softer-looking surfaces and cool-blue dashboard lighting.

Chrysler wants it to attract a broad range of buyers, from those who want a larger car to those who seek high-performance luxury.

Like the company that builds it, the 300 used to generate millions in profits but has been neglected for years. Introduced in 2004, sales peaked in 2005 at 144,000, but barely topped 37,000 last year. And just like the reborn company, the big car has the odds stacked against it.—*Internet*



In this file photo taken on 30 Sept, 2010, a model stands by the Chrysler 300 C during media day of the Paris Auto Show in Paris.

INTERNET

Raw steel becomes Nepal's largest import

KATHMANDU, 10 Jan—Iron and steel have surpassed petroleum products to become Nepal's largest imports in the first four months of fiscal year 2010/11 beginning in mid-July, recording a growth of 40.6 percent to 18.99 billion Nepali rupees (some 260 million US dollars).

According to Monday's *Republica daily*, the country has imported iron and steel worth 33.89 billion rupees (some 264 million dollars) and petroleum products worth 55.66 billion rupees (some 762 million dollars) in 2009/10. The big rise in imports of iron and steel was recorded at a time when the growth of real estate sector — the major consumers of iron products such as iron wire and rods — has been slowing for the last one year due to tightening of loan flow on realty sector.

Xinhua



The brand new all-electric Ford Focus is displayed at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, Nevada.

INTERNET

Car tech dazzles at Consumer Electronics Show

LAS VEGAS, 10 Jan—Automakers are taking a drive into the future at the Consumer Electronics Show.

The annual event is traditionally a showplace for mobile phones, computers and television sets but car makers are grabbing a lot of attention this year with the latest in automotive technology and a glimpse at what's to come.

US automaker Ford even chose Las Vegas over next week's Detroit Auto Show to reveal its first all-electric car, the Focus Electric, which can get up to 100 miles (160 kilometres) on a single battery charge and goes on sale this year.

Audi attracted crowds to its CES stand with a demonstration of a "head-up display" that resembles a videogame, projecting important

information like a car's speed or directions in hologram fashion on the windshield directly in front of the driver.

"It shows you where to turn, the speed limit and your speed so you don't have to look down at the dashboard," said Jessica Silvia, a spokeswoman for the German automaker, which has also been experimenting with self-driving cars.—*Internet*

Bad weather may further slash Indonesia's coffee output

JAKARTA, 10 Jan—Indonesia's coffee exporters estimate that coffee production would decrease by 8.3 percent to about 550,000 tons this year, down from about 600,000 tons in 2010, due to unfavourable weather conditions, *the Jakarta Post* reported on Monday.

Indonesian Coffee Exporters Association (AEKI) Secretary-General Rachim Kartabrata said that this year's production would decline because of extreme weather and excessive rainfall.

"Extreme weather and extensive rainfall would make coffee beans fall or decay," he said, adding that another threat to overall harvests came from coffee bean poachers.

Xinhua

Recall-hit Toyota to lead safety research

CHICAGO, 10 Jan—Toyota, hit with millions of safety recalls in recent years, Sunday announced it would open a safety research centre to work with universities, hospitals and government agencies to reduce traffic fatalities in the United States.

"The collaborative research will pursue integrated ways to enhance safety, involving the vehicle, driver and traffic environment," Toyota said in a statement.

"Initial areas of focus will include reducing the risk of driver distraction — a growing cause of accidents — and helping to protect the most vulnerable traffic populations,

including children, teens and seniors," the company said, noting that those groups account for "approximately 30 percent of US traffic fatalities."

Announcing the new safety initiative, Toyota Motor Corporation President Akio Toyoda said, "Toyota's new safety research centre will work with leading North American universities and other partners on safety projects that benefit the entire industry. "Our investment will support collaborative research aiming to reduce driver distraction and increase the safety of vehicles, drivers, passengers and pedestrians," he said.

Internet



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INTERNET

China publicly burns 5.2 mln pirated books, CDs

BEIJING, 10 Jan—China's antipiracy authorities organized public burnings of 5.2 million pirated books and compact discs Monday morning in several localities across China.

The antipiracy authority said in a statement the public burning of the counterfeit publications, software and videos demonstrates China's

resolve to protect intellectual property rights.

The items were incinerated in Beijing, Tianjin, Shanxi, Jiangsu, Guangdong and Sichuan.

More public burnings will be held in the lead up to World Intellectual Property Day on 26 April.

China began a nationwide crackdown on piracy and counterfeit and shoddy goods in Nov 2010.

As of 31 Dec, 2010, 650,000 law enforcement personnel had been dispatched to examine producers and sellers of books, software and video products.

They confiscated 6.33 million pirated items and imposed fines of over 3.4 million yuan (512,000 US Dollar) in 227 cases of infringement of intellectual property rights.—*Xinhua*



Security guards stand next to pirated DVDs which will be destroyed during a campaign against the production and distribution of porn and pirated publications, during a photo opportunity inside a gymnasium in Beijing on 10 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

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Virgin Atlantic will stop paying its bills to Heathrow until the airport's operator explains why one heavy snowfall stranded thousands of passengers for days just before Christmas, a report said on Monday.

INTERNET



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Consignees of cargo carried on MV CHRISTINE O VOY NO (1001S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Change of name

I am Misbah, daughter of Yacoub Dawood Patail and Amina Bibi, residing at No.59, 26th Street, ward No.(1), Pabedan Township, Yangon, is instead of new name change to call Mrs. Misbah Mulla.

Virgin withholds Heathrow fees over snow chaos

LONDON, 10 Jan—Virgin Atlantic will stop paying its bills to Heathrow until the airport's operator explains why one heavy snowfall stranded thousands of passengers for days just before Christmas, a report said Monday.

Richard Branson's airline has written to operator BAA, saying it plans to withhold landing and parking charges until it sees the results of an inquiry into the disruption, to be published in March, reported the *Financial*

Times. "We've told BAA we are going to hold back some of the moneys we owe them," Virgin's chief executive Steve Ridgway told the paper, in a sign airlines are hitting back after a shutdown that cost them millions of dollars.

Internet

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LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Chinese Vice Premier starts Britain visit with energy deal

EDINBURGH, 10 Jan—Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang kicked off a business-focused state visit to Britain on Sunday with the sealing of a renewable energy deal between Scottish and Chinese companies.

Li, who is widely tipped to be China's next premier, arrived in Edinburgh for a four-day trip aimed at boosting economic and political ties that will include talks with British Prime Minister David Cameron.

He praised progress in relations between China and Britain in recent years and urged closer ties in future, speaking at the Scottish capital's airport, according to the official *Xinhua* news agency.—Internet



China's Vice Premier Li Keqiang waves as he arrives at Edinburgh airport. Li kicked off a business-focused state visit to Britain with the sealing of a renewable energy deal between Scottish and Chinese companies.—INTERNET

Heil Hound: Nazis dogged by Hitler-mocking mutt

Newly discovered documents have revealed a bizarre footnote to World War II: the Nazis' dogged obsession with a Finnish mutt who gave not a howl, but a heil. And, just as absurdly, the totalitarian state that dominated most of Europe was unable to do much about the canine's paw-raising parody of Germany's Fuehrer.

In the months preceding Hitler's invasion of the Soviet



The undated photo taken from a book on the history of Finnish Tamro Group shows Tor Borg and his dog Jackie.

Union, Berlin's Foreign Office commanded its diplomats in the Nazi-friendly country to gather evidence on the dog and its owner — and even plotted to destroy the owner's pharmaceutical business.

Historians were unaware of the scheme until some 30 files containing correspondence and diplomatic cables were found by a researcher in the Foreign Office archives.

Man's aviary ruffles local feathers

A New York City man has made his home into a bird sanctuary in gratitude for being spared in Vietnam, but his neighbours are not thankful.

The fence around Manny Loupadriere's house is adorned with hundreds of birdcages, birdhouses and model birds, drawing many birds — and vermin, too, neighbours tell the *New York Daily News*.

"It harbors rats. It's ugly as sin but there is nothing I can do about it," said Brian Simpson. "It's disgusting."

Loupadriere, 65, said a bird kept him from getting shot while he was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, the *Daily News* reported Sunday.

"My job was to pick up wounded soldiers," he said. "I was picking up a soldier when I heard a bird whistling in the tree.

I looked up and when I did that a bullet went by my head. The bird saved my life."

The newspaper said it did not verify his military service.

Loupadriere said the cages attract songbirds who serenade him in the morning, and some neighbours bought him extra houses for Christmas.

Other neighbours say they have complained repeatedly, but the city said it has only received two calls in the past three years.

Penguin in zoo strolls into lions' den

A resourceful baby penguin took advantage of Germany's wintry weather to give her minders the slip and embark on a tour of the zoo before waddling into the lions' den.

A visitor spotted the African penguin, born in September, taking a stroll in the lion enclosure but the animal was lucky as the lions were asleep inside rather than braving the icy weather outside, Muenster zoo said on its website. It took keepers a day to get the penguin out of the den, luring her out with a trail of herrings, the statement said. The escape gave the penguin, up to then only known as number 459, a name. Her minder now calls her Leona, the zoo said.

News Album



Customers look at the braised pork in a big pan in a restaurant named "Xiaozaoawang" in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 8 Jan, 2011. The restaurant, welcomes its guests with big pans in which meals are cooked.

Contractors demolish wrong house

A Pittsburgh man said his house was demolished by mistake when a city contractor took it down along with a neighbouring home.

Andre Hall said the house, which the city agreed not to demolish for 6 months when he bought it in November, had been demolished with a backhoe when he arrived to work on the property Monday, WPIX-TV, Pittsburgh, reported Friday.

"I leave for the holidays, come back and see a backhoe sitting on my house," Hall said. "This is not the way I thought I would start off my new year."

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Building Inspection said the contractors were told to demolish a neighbouring home and instead took down both houses.

"True Grit" nudged out "Little Fockers" to rule box office

LOS ANGELES, 10 Jan—"True Grit" has walked off its third weekend run at the North American box office triumphantly, gaining an upper hand over its celluloid arch rival, "Little Fockers," to be the top player, preliminary statistics suggested on Sunday.

The Coen brothers' retooling of the 1969 western classic which originally casted John Wayne, is expected to garner 15 million dollars in ticket receipts for three days over the weekend, well on pace to gross a total of 110.4 million dollars in a lackluster weekend. The Paramount release, which has received a number



Actor Jeff Bridges attends the premiere of "True Grit" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York City in 2010.—INTERNET

of awards and nominations in various award events, is considered a favourite in the leadup to the 83rd Academy Awards.—*Xinhua*

Award-season contenders flock to Palm Springs gala

PALM SPRINGS, 10 Jan—The road to Oscar brought a blast of expected contenders to this desert town some 100 miles east of Hollywood as the Palm Springs International Film Festival held its annual awards gala.

Among those attending the Saturday night affair was James Franco, a likely Academy Award nominee for the drama "127 Hours" and also cohost along with Anne Hathaway of the 27 Feb Oscar telecast.

"Yeah, it's weird," said

Franco, who does some of his studies at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC.

"Yesterday, I was in North Carolina and it was snowing. And I flew out at 9 pm and landed at about 1 am in LA. And then I met with Anne Hathaway and did some preparation for the Oscars. And now here I am in Palm Springs. And then I'm going to go back to the snows of North Carolina and study poetry. I'm sure I'm developing a split personality.

Internet



Actor James Franco arrives at the 2011 Palm Springs International Film Festival Awards Gala in Palm Springs, Calif on 8 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

Youthful Vienna Ballet continues revival

VIENNA, 10 Jan—A youthful premiere of con-temporary choreographies by Jiri Bubenicek, Paul Lightfoot and Jiri Kylian on Sunday proved the Vienna Ballet was well on the path to a renaissance.

"Schritte und Spuren" (Steps and Traces), the third premiere under Manuel Legris's five-month-old reign as ballet

director, showed a fresh company light years away from stuffy old productions. The evening kicked off with its highlight, "Le Souffle de l'Esprit" by Czech Jiri Bubenicek.

Set against a pure white background, the performance was sleek and playful, featuring the always excellent Ketevan Papava and Denys Chere-vychko,

and bringing forward young talents like corps de ballet member Davide Dato, who more than did justice to the buoyant choreography.

The wonderfully grot-esque "Skew-Whiff" by British-Spanish duo Paul Lightfoot and Sol Leon meanwhile drew the loudest cheers of the evening, carried by its four dancers.—*Internet*



Vienna's state ballet dancers Elisabeth Golibina and Eno Peci (front) perform during the general rehearsal of the ballet Glow-Stop, choreographed by Jorma Elo, at the Opera House in Vienna, on 7 Jan.

INTERNET

Ronaldo seals Madrid comeback win in Spanish league match

MADRID, 10 Jan — Cristiano Ronaldo scored a sensational hat-trick as Real Madrid twice came from behind to defeat Villarreal 4-2 on Sunday to maintain their perfect home record



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo reacts after scoring during the Spanish league.—INTERNET

and close to within two points of leaders Barcelona.

Portuguese star Ronaldo took his season's tally to 22 league goals with strikes in the eighth, 44th and 78th minutes after third-place Villarreal had threatened an upset after twice going in front in a pulsating first half at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Barcelona's 4-0 win over Deportivo La Coruna on Saturday had put the pressure on Real to respond.

Villarreal twice took the lead only for Ronaldo to pull Real back into the game with his 20th and 21st league goals of the season to cancel out goals from Ruben Cani, after six minutes, and Marco Ruben in the 17th.—INTERNET

'Sloppy' Milan could throw title away, warns Gattuso

ROME, 10 Jan — Combative midfielder Gennaro Gattuso believes Milan risk throwing away the Serie A title after fighting back three times to snatch a 4-4 draw at home to Udinese.

Milan trailed 1-0 and 3-1 before also heading into injury time 4-3 down but they kept fighting back to eventually earn a hard-earned point.

"If we don't win the title this year we won't win it again," he said after the San Siro encounter.

"It's true we had a number of players missing but our weakness showed in the goals we conceded, we have to give more."

Milan have twice had the potential to open up big leads with a home victory, but have taken only one point from their last two home games.



AC Milan's Gennaro Ivan Gattuso (left) and Clarence Seedorf (right) fight for the ball with Udinese's Alex Sandro Sanchez during their Italian Serie A match, on 9 January, at San Siro stadium in Milan.—INTERNET

They lost 1-0 to Roma at the end of December and looked for much of Sunday's game as if they were heading for defeat again.—INTERNET

Barcelona on course for new La Liga points record

MADRID, 10 Jan — Spanish champions Barcelona are on course to top last season's record haul of 99 points with Pep Guardiola's side already on 49 points from 17 games, three more than at the same stage last time round.



Barcelona's midfielder Andres Iniesta (right) vies with Deportivo La Coruna's Diego Colotto.—INTERNET

Barcelona maintained their flawless away form with a 4-0 drubbing of Deportivo La Coruna on Saturday and their 12th consecutive league win means a return of 49 points from a possible 54.

Goals from Ballon d'Or finalists Lionel

Messi and Andres Iniesta helped a below strength Barca - who rested Xavi Hernandez, Sergi Busquets and Dani Alves - dispatch Depor and stay two points ahead of Real at the Spanish first division summit.—INTERNET

Man City, Leicester in FA Cup draw

LEICESTER, 10 Jan — Roberto Mancini has revealed new 27 million pounds (42 million dollars) signing Edin Dzeko will make his Manchester City debut against Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday.

Bosnia international Dzeko watched City from the stands as Mancini's big-spenders were held

2-2 by Championship promotion chasers Leicester in a third round FA Cup tie at the Walkers Stadium on Sunday.

Now the 24-year-old former Wolfsburg striker is poised to make his debut in the Premier League in a bid to push City closer towards the title.—INTERNET



Manchester City's Carlos Tevez (left) competes for the ball with Leicester City's Jack Hobbs.—INTERNET

Ancelotti issues Chelsea warning after Cup rout



Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti watches his squad during their FA Cup third round football match.—INTERNET

LONDON, 10 Jan — Carlo Ancelotti has told FA Cup holders Chelsea their 7-0 third round thrashing of Ipswich Town will "count for nothing" if they cannot transfer their form into the Premier League.

English champions Chelsea, who did the 'double' last season, are currently fifth in the table — nine points behind leaders Manchester United having played one game more than the table-toppers.

That has led to speculation about Chelsea manager Ancelotti's position at Stamford Bridge and, while the rout of second division Ipswich was a welcome distraction from league duty, the Italian knows the pressure will be back on if the Londoners lose to top-flight rivals Blackburn next weekend.

Coach sacked after Syria stun Saudi Arabia 2-1

DOHA, 10 Jan — Saudi Arabian football chiefs sacked coach Jose Peseiro on Sunday immediately after his demoralised side slumped to a shock 2-1 defeat at the hands of unfancied Asian Cup outsiders Syria.

The 2007 finalists and three-time champions announced that Nasser Al Johar will take over from the 50-year-old Portuguese for the remainder of the showpiece event in Doha. The Saudis had been expected to compete for the title alongside the likes of Japan, Australia and South Korea, but a brace from Abdulrazak Al Husein consigned them to defeat against Syria.

Gulbis confirms relationship with Dustin Johnson

KAPALUA, 10 Jan — LPGA Tour player Natalie Gulbis was in the gallery following Dustin Johnson on the back nine on Saturday at Kapalua, and apparently it was no coincidence.

Gulbis told golf.com they are dating.

"I'll let Dustin handle

our PR," Gulbis said with a laugh after confirming to the website they are dating. Johnson declined comment.

The 25-year-old Johnson is a rising American star with two victories last year, including close calls in the US Open and PGA Championship. He was the top American on the world money list in 2010. The 28-year-old Gulbis, who had a relationship with Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger in 2005, struggled on the LPGA Tour while recovering from back surgery.



Dustin Johnson follows his drive from the third tee during the second round of the Hyundai Tournament.—INTERNET

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SPORTS

Italy - Serie A

9 January

Sampdoria	2 - 1	AS Roma
AC Milan	4 - 4	Udinese
Bari	0 - 2	Bologna
Catania	1 - 2	Inter Milan
Cesena	0 - 0	Genoa
Chievo	0 - 0	Palermo
Fiorentina	3 - 2	Brescia
Lazio	1 - 2	Lecce
Parma	1 - 2	Cagliari
Napoli	3 - 0	Juventus

Spain - Primera Division

9 January

Espanyol	4 - 0	Zaragoza
Mallorca	4 - 1	Almeria
Osasuna	0 - 0	Getafe
Racing Santander	1 - 1	Sporting Gijon
Real Madrid	4 - 2	Villarreal
Levante	0 - 1	Valencia

Wawrinka wins Chennai Open tennis title

CHENNAI, 10 Jan — Third-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka overcame Xavier Malisse in three sets to start the new season by winning the \$450,000 ATP Chennai Open title on Sunday. The Swiss world number 21 survived a mid-match lapse in concentration to outclass the 60th-ranked Belgian 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 in two hours and 14 minutes at the Nungambakkam Tennis stadium.

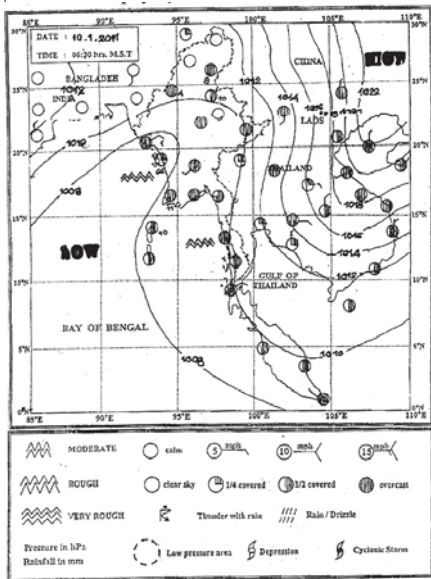
Wawrinka's third career title earned him



Swiss tennis player Stanislas Wawrinka celebrates after winning his match against his Belgian opponent.—INTERNET

\$68,000 and 250 points as he made amends for the loss to Marin Cilic of Croatia in last year's final in the southern Indian city.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 10th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, rain has been fairly widespread in Bago Region, widespread in Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Regions, isolated in Chin State and Lower Sagaing Region and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperature in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Kayin and Mon States, (5°C) above January average temperatures in Chin State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, (7°C) to (8°C) above January average temperatures in Rakhine State, Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Putao (4°C), Machanbaw (6°C) and Katha (7°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were NayPyi Taw (Yezin) (0.63) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Tetkane) (0.59) inch, Kyaukpyu (2.95) inches, Manaung (2.01) inches, Taungdwingyi (1.85) inches, Yemathin (1.06) inches, Thandwe (0.83) inch and Aunglan (0.79) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 9-1-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 10-1-2011 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-1-2011 was (100%). Rainfall on 10-1-2011 was (0.63) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 9-1-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 10-1-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-1-2011 was (76%). Total sunshine hours on 9-1-2011 was (4.8) hour.

Rainfall on 10-1-2011 was (Nil) Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 9-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 11th January 2011: Rain will be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing Region, scattered to fairly widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-1-2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Baz Luhrmann considers taking Great Gatsby in 3D

BEIJING, 10 Jan — Australian director Baz Luhrmann is considering stepping into the three-dimension world with his upcoming movie, The Great Gatsby, media reported Monday.

The director of the films including Moulin Rouge, Australia, Strictly Ballroom and Romeo and Juliet, said he has workshopped The Great Gatsby, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan, in 3D, but hasn't made his final decision yet.

Luhrmann made the remarks at the Consumer Electronics Show held in Las Vegas, the United States, where he discussed the advantages of the Blu-ray format along with directors Michael Mann and Oliver Stone.

The Great Gatsby, based on the classic 1925 novel by American author F Scott Fitzgerald, is currently in development and scheduled for release in 2012.

Xinhua



A barge tows a 122ft 'SeaGen' tidal energy generator to the mouth of Strangford Lough, in Northern Ireland in May 2008. Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang will inspect a Scottish wave power plant as part of a study of the country's renewable energy sector during a visit to Scotland, where he arrived on Sunday.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (11-1-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	(11-1-11 09:30 am ~ 12-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mileof Road...Piles of Hope (Pathe-in-Monywa Motor Road) (Part-III)
- * News
- * Tasty! Delicious Smart Food!
- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youth
- * "Debate about Computer & Internet"
- * News
- * Record Album
- * Myanmar Toys...For Your Eye-catching

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- * News
- * The Source of The River Ayeyawady
- * The Beauty of the 1st Defile of The River Ayeyawady
- * The Beauty of the 2nd Defile of The River Ayeyawady
- * News
- * Fabulous Coiffure Hairstyle
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * A Dance to the Harvest
- * News
- * Journey to the Golden Rock (Kyaik Htee Yoe Pagoda) (Part-I)
- * Myanmar Movie "The Magician Flower"

Myanmar



Tuesday, 11 January
View on today

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| <p>7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw</p> <p>7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song</p> <p>7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p>7:30 am
4. Morning News</p> <p>7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song</p> | <p>7:50 am
6. Songs Of Yester Years</p> <p>8:00 am
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition</p> <p>8:15 am
8. Song Of National Races</p> <p>8:25 am
9. Teleplay (Traffic)</p> <p>8:40 am
10. International News</p> <p>8:45 am
11. Musical Programme</p> <p>4:00 pm
1. Martial Song</p> <p>4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme</p> |
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| <p>4:20 pm
3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition</p> <p>4:35 pm
4. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies</p> <p>4:45 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Chemistry)</p> <p>5:00 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit</p> <p>5:10 pm
7. Sweet Melody</p> | <p>5:25 pm
8. Star Garden</p> <p>6:00 pm
9. Evening News</p> <p>6:15 pm
10. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm
11. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than</p> <p>6:35 pm
12. Sing A Song</p> <p>7:00 pm
13. Music Series</p> <p>8:00 pm
14. News</p> <p>15. International News</p> <p>16. Weather Report</p> <p>17. Just for Laughs</p> <p>18. TV Drama Series</p> <p>19. Movie Quiz</p> |
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- ★ 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

Independence Day commemorative festival in Toungoo

Byline & Photos: *Soe Mar Mar*



A young girl shows her cane-ball skill at Independence Day commemorative festival in Toungoo.

A seven-day long Independence Day commemorative shows and contests were held in Minedar ground at Taungoo of Bago Region from 2 to 8 January, hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day. The festival included shows and competitions aiming to preserve the fine

traditions of Myanmar, shows reflecting the living standards, booths of respective departments, sporting events, sale of new food stuff and local produce from all corners of the nation, special sale festival of Ministry of Industry-1 and performances of traditional play.

The majority of booths put on display there were aimed to widen the scope of youth's knowledge. Vegetables and flowers shows and contests were held at the booth of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. A wide variety of arts and sculpture was displayed in order not to veer from Myanmar culture. At the booth of Ministry of Transport, car accidents were on show so as to be aware of them.

In addition to the shows and competitions, *(See page 9)*



Independence Day commemorative festival being packed with buyers and sellers.

Rain continues

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that according to the observation at 12.30 hrs MST today, under the influence of eastern disturbances which are crossing over the areas in central and lower Myanmar through Rakhine Coastal region and Delta region, continuation of rain are likely to be fairly widespread and scattered in Rakhine, Shan, Kayin, Mon States and Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and heavy rain are likely to be isolated in Rakhine State and Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions within next 48 hrs commencing this afternoon. Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough sea are likely off and along Myanmar coast. Surface wind speed in strong winds may reach 35 mph.

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Significant night temperatures (10-1-2011)

Putao	(4°C)
Machanbaw	(6°C)
Katha	(7°C)