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Prime Minister attends opening of No (5) Fertilizer Plant (Pathein)

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—The Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy launched No (5) Fertilizer Plant (Pathein) at the archway of the plant in Kangyidaunt Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday morning, with an address by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win, ministers, deputy ministers, heads of department, officials at



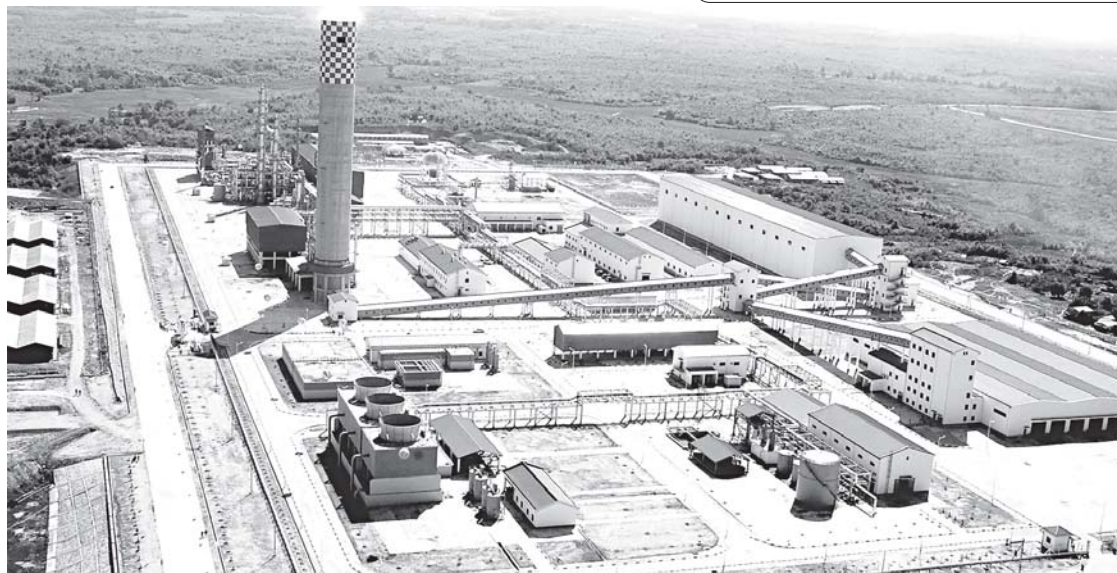
Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils the stone plaque of No (5) Fertilizer Plant (Pathein).—MNA

region, district and township levels, the factory manager and workers, officials of China Huanqiu Contracting & Engineering Corporation of the

People's Republic of China, members of social organizations, local people and guests.

The commander and Minister for Energy U LunThi formally opened

Lying in an area of 200 acres near Ohbo Village in Kangyidaunt Township, No (5) Fertilizer Plant (Pathein) will be able to produce 325 tons of ammonia and 500 tons of urea a day.



Bird's eye view of No (5) Fertilizer Plant (Pathein). — MNA

the plant.

The Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photos with the attendees.

The Prime Minister unveiled the stone plaque of the plant.

The Prime Minister inspected the production line around the plant.

At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister heard a report by the minister on land allocation for the plant, facts about the facility, demand of raw materials, installed capacity, production process, and progress of installation of cable lines for power supply.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Accelerate post-literacy campaigns

Knowledge is power. Literacy is a force behind the improvement of the living standard of the people and positive changes in families, wards and societies. So, the people should make constant study.

Literacy rate is an indicator of the development of a nation. The 21st century sees the Age of Knowledge. Reading provides us a useful window to the world.

In Myanmar, movements on formal education, non-formal education and informal education are being implemented for every citizen to have access to education. Now, the nation's literacy rate has increased to over 94 percent.

Newly-literate persons should continue reading in order that they will not relapse into illiteracy. So, it is required to step up post-literacy campaigns.

The Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and related departments are co-organizing educative talks in some townships and rural areas for sustainable progress of libraries and speeding up post-literacy movements. The number of self-reliant libraries is increasing, as a result of cooperation of regional organizations, residents, well-wishers and social organizations.

High literacy rate is a source of national pride, reflecting high socio-economic status of the people. Therefore, all newly-literate people should keep reading in order to widen their horizons.



Opening ceremony of office of Media Lane, The Creative Agency and Myanmar Star Universe Co Ltd in progress.—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

A&I Minister receives Chinese delegation



Agriculture and Irrigation Minister U Htay Oo receives Chairman of CNTIC Mr Wu Duo Yu. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received a delegation led by Mr Wu Duo Yu, Chairman of China National Technical Import & Export Corporation (CNTIC),

at the ministry here yesterday. They held discussions about cooperation between the two countries for promotion of agricultural production.

MNA

EP-1 Minister receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr V S Seshadri at his office here this morning.

They held discussions on cooperation in hydropower projects. MNA



Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min meets Indian Ambassador Dr V S Seshadri.—MNA

Media Lane, The Creative Agency, Myanmar Star Universe open new office

YANGON, 12 Jan—Media Lane, The Creative Agency and Myanmar Star Universe Co Ltd opened their new office at No. 58-B on Pale Street of Myanma Gonyang Housing on Thanthuma Road, Myittanyunt Ward, Tamway Township here on 8 January.

Daw Wah Wah Tun and responsible persons of the company opened the new office. Media Lane, The Creative Agency Company pledged to do better services—world-class website, graphic, printing, decoration, and genius workshop—and displays computer accessories—AOC monitor, Star UPS, HP DVD-RW, Golden Field Chasis—as a sole agent of Myanmar Star Universe Co Ltd at authorized service centre.—MNA

Nano Energizer available at Electric and Consumer Product Exhibition 2011

YANGON, 12 Jan—Nano Energizer-brand engine restoration and protection materials will be on sale at Electric And Consumer Product Exhibition 2011 to be organized by Smart Co., Ltd at Town Hall of Pathein, Ayeyawady Region from 14 to 18 January.

Korean-made Nano Energizer can improve engine power, reduce engine heat, stabilize engine, reduce fuel consumption and emission of smoke lessen erosion of inner parts of engine and extend engine's life.

For more information, contact Royal Lubricant Trading Co., Ltd, a sole agent, Nano Energizer (ph-01-73039191 and 01-681606) and Golden Baby Mart, No.24, Bali road, Pathein (ph-09-5201702 and 095083106).—MNA

Mine blast wounds six Afghan children

ASADABAD, 12 Jan — Six children sustained injuries as a mine went off in eastern Kunar Province 185 km east of capital Kabul on Monday, provincial police chief Khalilullah Ziae said Tuesday. "The tragic incident happened in Narang District on Monday when the innocent children were playing as a result six children were injured," Ziae told *Xinhua*.

However, he added that the condition of the injured children is stable.

The mine, he added, had left over from the past decades of war.

Afghanistan with experiencing over three decades of war and civil strife is the most mine contaminated country in the world.—*Xinhua*



Afghans walk past a building destroyed by an explosion in Kandahar.

A major coalition military operation in a volatile southern Afghan Province has caused about 100 million dollars worth of damage to property, a government delegation said Tuesday.—INTERNET

Three killed in US drone attack in NW Pakistan

A US Predator drone at Bagram air base in Afghanistan.
INTERNET



ISLAMABAD, 12 Jan — At least three people were killed and two others injured in a US drone attack launched Wednesday morning in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, repor-

ted local Urdu TV channel Geo.

According to the report, the US drone fired two missiles at a house suspected to be a militants' hideout in the Mir Ali area. Details about the

identity of the killed and injured in the strike are not immediately available.

Wednesday morning's strike is the sixth of its kind since the beginning of this year. During the last six strikes launched by the US drones since January, at least 23 people were reportedly killed and nine injured. All the six strikes were launched in North Waziristan, a place bordering Afghanistan and believed to be a stronghold of militants.

Xinhua

Suicide bombing rocks Afghan Capital, three killed

KABUL, 12 Jan — A powerful suicide bombing rocked Afghan Capital Kabul Wednesday morning rush hour, leaving three killed, injuring at least 10 people, a witness said.

However, a local TV channel TOLO TV reported that three people including the suicide bomber have been killed in the blast.

"It was a suicide bomb blast near our bus, our driver is injured, at least 10 people injured," a witness at the site of the blast, Nawid told *Xinhua*.

It occurred at around 8 am (0330 GMT), the student of a university in Kabul added.

He said the bomber riding a motorbike blew himself near a bus carrying government employees in Kart-e-Sah area, in the west of Kabul. "The bus was full of passenger, and many people inside the bus were injured," Nawid said.

He said several shops have been damaged in the blast and windows of several houses smashed near the site, in west of Kabul.—*Xinhua*



A pushcart's wheel is seen with bloodstains at the scene of a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 12 Jan, 2011. A suicide bomber on a motorbike blew himself up next to a minibus carrying intelligence service employees in the Afghan capital Wednesday.—INTERNET



Iraqi Army soldiers check weapons seized by Iraqi security forces during recent security operations in Baghdad, Iraq, on 11 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET



Two Taliban militants, including leader, detained

KABUL, 12 Jan — Afghan and NATO-led troops during a joint operation arrested two Taliban militants including a local leader in Kandahar Province 450 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul Tuesday, the military alliance said in a statement released here on Wednesday.

"Afghan and coalition forces detained a Taliban leader who operated out of Kandahar City and Arghandab District in Kandahar Province, along with one suspected militant during a security operation in the province yesterday (Tuesday),"

the statement added.

The arrested Taliban local leader, according to the statement was responsible for supplying material to subordinate militants and conducting attacks against Afghan and coalition forces. No civilians including women and children had been harmed during the operation, it further emphasized.

In the statement, the military alliance did not reveal the name of the arrested local Taliban leader. Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.—*Xinhua*

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 12 Jan— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 12 January reached 704631 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1275469, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	704631
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1275469

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 12 Jan—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33563 Afghan people were killed and 40774 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 12 January.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33563
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	40774

Internet



Science

Pandas need two forests



Giant pandas greatly prefer old-growth forests, a finding with repercussions for China's efforts to save the iconic species, according to a study published on Wednesday.—INTERNET

SAN DIEGO, 12 Jan— Giant pandas need old-growth forests as much as they need bamboo forests, a study by the San Diego Zoo in collaboration with other organizations concluded.

Because pandas are associated with old-growth and bamboo forests, species conservation means conservation of the two forest types, Ron Swaisgood, one of the study's authors and a panda researcher with the zoo, said Tuesday in a release.

"In this study we show that pandas are associated with old-growth forests more than with any ecological variable other than bamboo," Swaisgood said.

"This finding indicates that in order to conserve this species, we need to conserve both bamboo and old-growth forests."

The study, conducted from 1999 through 2003 by scientists from the Chinese Academy of Science, San Diego Zoo Global, China West Normal University, China Wildlife Conservation Association and the Sichuan Forestry Department, could assist conservationists in creating strategic plans that help conserve this critically endangered bear species, Swaisgood said.

Internet



Fire boats battle the April 2010 blaze on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico. A presidential commission probing the Gulf of Mexico oil spill said Tuesday that industry practices must be overhauled and a tough new safety watchdog set up to avoid a repeat of the disaster that killed 11 men and caused huge environmental damage.—INTERNET

Medvedev declares 2011 as Space Year for Russia

MOSCOW, 12 Jan— Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Tuesday declared the year of 2011 as Russia's Space Year.

Russia is due to celebrate in April the 50th anniversary of its first manned space flight. Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin blasted into the orbit on 12 April, 1961 for a 90-minute flight.

Also on Tuesday, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin visited the Mission Control centre outside Moscow in the city of Korolyov, chairing a meeting on preparations of celebrating the jubilee.

Putin said about 50 space launches have been planned for this year.

"It is planned to put about 50 spacecraft to orbit. Besides, we will approve a new federal programme for the development of the Glonass navigation satellite network until 2020," said Putin as quoted by the *Itar-Tass* news agency.

"The federal budget will assign 115 billion rubles (3.76 billion US dollars) for the national space programme," he added.—*Xinhua*

Telescope spots clusters of galaxies

ORSAY, 12 Jan— Clusters captured by the European Space Agency's Planck space telescope could contain hundreds of galaxies and billions of stars, scientists said.

The clusters of galaxies are gravitationally bound to each other and measure tens of millions of light-years across, the *BBC* reported. The clusters, seen from all directions, range out to about 4 billion light-years from Earth.

"The clusters contain up to a hundred galaxies, and each galaxy has a billion stars," said Nabila Aghanim of the Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale in Orsay, France.

Planck made the discoveries during its ongoing survey of the "oldest light" in the cosmos, scientists said.

The clusters contain colossal quantities of visible matter — stars, gas and dust — and have larger quantities of invisible and unidentifiable "dark matter," scientists said.—*Internet*



Technology

Verizon Wireless to sell iPhone in February

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Jan — Apple Inc on Tuesday announced that a version of its iPhone 4 will be available on the network of Verizon Wireless, the largest wireless carrier in the United States.

So far AT&T is the exclusive US carrier to offer iPhone, and the deal with Verizon Wireless is expected to boost the sales of the device.

According to a press release from Apple, iPhone 4 will be available on the Verizon Wireless network beginning on 10 Feb for a suggested retail price of 199.99 US dollars for the 16GB model and 299.99 dollars for the 32GB model with a two-year customer agreement.

"Verizon Wireless

customers have told us they can't wait to get their hands on iPhone 4, and we think they are going to love it," the press release quoted Apple's chief operating officer Tim Cook as saying.

"We have enormous respect for the company Verizon has built and the loyalty they have earned from their customers," Cook added.—*Xinhua*



Apple Chief Operating Officer Tim Cook speaks during the Verizon iPhone announcement in New York City. Verizon Wireless announced Tuesday it will begin offering the Apple iPhone next month, ending AT&T's monopoly and raising the prospect of millions of additional buyers of the coveted device.

INTERNET

CSR settles Broadcom dispute

LONDON, 12 Jan— British chipmaker CSR said it had settled its legal battle over technology patents with US rival Broadcom Corp, boosting the Bluetooth and Wi-Fi specialist's shares on Tuesday. CSR said it would pay \$67.5 million to Broadcom over the next five years, the majority of which would be offset by a reduction in legal costs of at least \$50 million, to settle the dispute, which predates its acquisition of GPS chip firm SiRF in 2009.

Shares in CSR had risen 10.3 percent to a five-month high of 392.5 pence by 0835 GMT, as analysts welcomed the settlement.

"We believe this is a very solid result for CSR from a strategic perspective as it removes the overhang of litigation and fears from some market participants of a big negative charge," UBS said in a note. Analysts at Espirito Santo Investment Bank said that due to CSR's reporting structure it should result in about 10 percent upgrades to consensus operating profit and EPS estimates for 2011.

Reuters

Mobile broadband users seen hitting 1 billion in 2011

STOCKHOLM, 12 Jan— Mobile broadband subscriptions are on track to surpass 1 billion in 2011 only months after reaching half a billion, Ericsson said on Tuesday, highlighting a key growth driver for the telecom sector.

"During the course of 2010, a significant milestone in terms of mobile broadband subscriptions was reached as their number surpassed the half-a-billion mark globally," Ericsson, the world's biggest mobile network gear maker, said in a statement.

"Ericsson estimates that this number will double before 2011 ends."

Internet use on-the-go has soared in recent years, driven by cheap laptop computers, tablet computers such as Apple Inc's iPad and smartphones such as the iPhone.

Growing data traffic is seen driving revenue for telecoms operators and leading to increased investment in networks, boosting revenues for gear suppliers like Ericsson.

Asia Pacific is expected to account for the greatest number of subscriptions, around 400 million, followed by North America and western Europe with more than 200 million each, Ericsson said.

Reuters



Sony Ericsson smartphones, Xperia Arc (L) and XperiaX8, are displayed during the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show.

INTERNET

Health

Health Tip: Brush baby's gums

It's never too early to start caring for baby's teeth and gums.

The American Dental Association offers these suggestions:

- * Even before teeth emerge, wipe down baby's gums using clean gauze or a small, cool spoon.
- * Using water and a toothbrush made for babies, start brushing teeth as soon as they poke through.
- * Starting when your child reaches age 2 years, use a pea-sized squirt of toothpaste with fluoride.
- * Always clean baby's pacifier before offering it.
- * Don't let baby take a bottle to bed.

Internet



The world's first mirror thermometer, NEC Avio Infrared Technologies' "Thermo Mirror", is unveiled in Tokyo. The device measures the user's skin temperature without the need for physical contact, using a built-in infrared sensor.

INTERNET

Fruit, vegetables give better tan than sun

NOTTINGHAM, 12 Jan — Eating a healthy diet high in fruit and vegetables provides more of a golden glow than a tan from the sun, researchers in Britain suggest.

Study leader Dr Ian Stephen of The University of Nottingham in England and his research team concluded people who eat more portions of fruit and vegetables per day have a more golden skin colour, thanks to substances called carotenoids —

responsible for the reddish/orange colouring in fruit and vegetables such as carrots and tomatoes.

Carotenoids are antioxidants that help soak up damaging compounds produced by stress, especially when the body is combating disease, Stephen says.

"Most people think the best way to improve skin colour is to get a suntan, but our research shows that eating lots of fruit and

vegetables is actually more effective," Stephen says in a statement. "We found that, given the choice between skin colour caused by suntan and skin colour caused by carotenoids, people preferred the carotenoid skin colour, so if you want a healthier and more attractive skin colour, you are better off eating a healthy diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables than lying in the sun."

Internet

Cuba claims to have first vaccine against lung cancer

HAVANA, 12 Jan — Cuba announced its registration of the first therapeutic vaccine for lung cancer, named CIMAVAX-EGF, in the world here on Monday.

Gisela Gonzalez, project head at the Molecular Immunology Centre in Havana, said over 1,000 patients on the island have received treatment successfully with the vaccine.

She explained that CIMAVAX-EGF provides patients with the ability to turn the advanced cancer into a "manageable chronic disease". "CIMAVAX-EGF is the result of over 15 years of research, which does not cause severe side effects," she said.

"It's based on a protein that we all have: the epidermal growth factor, related to the processes of cell proliferation, which makes the cancer out of

control," she said.

Gonzalez said it was necessary to create "a composition able to generate antibodies against this protein."

This vaccine is given when the patient finishes the treatment with radiotherapy or chemotherapy, and it is considered a "terminal without alternative therapy" because it helps "to control the growth of the tumour without associated toxicity," she pointed out.

"CIMAVAX-EGF can also be used as a chronic treatment, which increases the expectations and quality of life for patients," Gonzalez added.

She concluded that the vaccine is currently being assessed as a therapy against prostate, uterus and breast tumours.—Xinhua



People over 60 who were given a vaccine against shingles, a painful rash that arises from a dormant chicken pox virus, saw a 55 percent lower risk of developing the condition, a study said Tuesday.

INTERNET

Business



A security officer passes by a China Southern Airlines jetliner in Beijing. The airline, the nation's largest carrier by fleet size, said its net profit soared an estimated 15-fold in 2010 on surging demand for air travel and cargo transport.—INTERNET

Nikkei climbs to fresh eight months high in morning

TOKYO, 12 Jan — Nikkei climbed to a fresh eight-month intraday high after rises in US and European shares overnight and the yen's retreat against the euro.

The benchmark Nikkei-225 index rose 52.65 points, or 0.50

percent, from Tuesday to 10,563.33 after rising to 10,576.51 at one point.

The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was up 6.87 points, or 0.74 percent, to 933.81.—Xinhua

Australia's job vacancies from Aug to Nov jumps 5.3%

CANBERRA, 12 Jan — Australian job vacancies rose 5.3 percent in the quarter between last August and November, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) showed on Wednesday.

According to ABS, vacancies in November quarter were a hefty 26.3 percent higher than the same period of 2009, and the latest figure was a record high for the quarterly survey, which began in 1979.

In a promising sign for further solid employment growth, the total number of vacancies in November 2010 was 193,200, in seasonally adjusted terms, 6.6 percent higher than the estimate of 181,300 from the previously quarterly survey in August.

Job vacancies in the private sector rose an adjusted 5.5 percent in the quarter to 172,500, while those in the public sector increased by 4.0 percent to 17,700.

Brisbane Times reported that analysts value the vacancies series highly as it has proved a very good

leading indicator of labour demand and turning points in employment.

The official labour report for December is due on Thursday and analysts are expecting another solid rise of 25,000 in employment, nudging the jobless rate down to 5.1 percent from 5.2 percent the previous month.

Xinhua



An undated photo shows a piece of retrieved cultural relics at the Qindong Mausoleum to the east of Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. Local police announced on Tuesday that the case of Qindong Mausoleum robbery has been cracked, with seven crime suspects detained and eleven pieces of cultural relics retrieved. Qindong Mausoleum, or East Qin Mausoleum, is a national cultural heritage.—XINHUA

China's yuan hits new record high at 6.6128 per USD

BEIJING, 12 Jan — The Chinese yuan strengthened to a record high against the US dollar on Wednesday to reach 6.6128 per dollar.

The central parity rate of the Chinese currency, also known as the renminbi (RMB), was set 88 basis points lower than Tuesday's 6.6216, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trading System.

China's central bank announced on 19 June, 2010, it would further reform the yuan exchange rate formation mechanism to improve its flexibility.

On China's foreign exchange spot market, the yuan can rise or fall 0.5 percent from the central parity rate each trading day.

Xinhua

Xinhuanet Industrial Park opens in Beijing



Beijing Mayor Guo Jinlong

BEIJING, 12 JAN—Xinhuanet Industrial Park — a major project of *Xinhua News Agency* to develop new media technologies — opened Tuesday at China New Media Development Zone in southern Beijing.

Under its development plan, the industrial park aims to build a media group integrating research, development and production for high and new media technologies.

Mayor of Beijing Guo Jinlong and President of *Xinhua News Agency* Li Congjun addressed the audience at the park's opening ceremony.

Li said the

construction of Xinhuanet Industrial Park was an important move to implement the strategy to improve the nation's international communications capacities and to push forward the agency's strategic transformation into a world-leading omni-media organization.

Xinhuanet Industrial Park was another important achievement of the comprehensive and strategic cooperation between *Xinhua News Agency* and Beijing Municipal Government, Li said.

Xinhua was paying more attention to the development of its new media businesses and had made progress in building a state-level new media cluster based on Xinhuanet (www.xinhuanet.com), he said.

Li said the agency would scientifically allocate areas for different operations at the Xinhuanet Industrial Park and introduce strategic

partners to build an industrial new media chain based on Xinhuanet, the central government website (www.gov.cn), www.chinapeace.org.cn and a search engine corporation that was a joint venture of *Xinhua* and China Mobile.

With operations including Internet websites, Internet search services for mobile devices, digital publications and electronic business, Xinhuanet Industrial Park would be a competitive and influential player in the international new media industry, Li said.

Operated by *Xinhua News Agency*, Xinhuanet (www.xinhuanet.com) is one of the key news portals under direct control of Communist Party of China Central Committee.

The website has played an important role as an on-line voice of the Party and the government

and is a major *Chinese Internet* news portal.

In the past 13 years, Xinhuanet has developed from a monolingual and monomedia website to a seven-language, multimedia news website group with a global audience.

Xinhuanet Industrial Park will focus on developing next-generation smart search technology, multimedia technologies and new media products, as well as on-line cultural products and e-business.

MNA/Xinhua

Two Danes die of A/H1N1 flu

COPENHAGEN, 12 JAN—Two people in Denmark has died of the A/H1N1 flu, reported Danish media on Tuesday.

The dead were two men in their 50s. None of them had any known chronic diseases or other risk factors.

"For most people, the common flu is a harmless disease. However, some people become seriously ill and die, even when they are not belonging to a group that is considered to be at risk," said Else Smith, director of the National Board of Health.

"These two deaths should not worry people but they do reinforce the importance on being aware of the body's signals and one's personal hygiene," she added.

People should go to see a doctor if they were sick more than three days with the flu, suffering high body temperature and breath difficulty, she said.

The A/H1N1 flu was declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic in 2009.

During this winter, the virus strain has resurfaced in several European countries including Britain, Sweden, Iceland and Finland. —Xinhua



Snow covered cars sit idle alongside Interstate 85 after a snow carpeted the Deep South in Atlanta, Georgia, on 10 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

Italy reports two A/H1N1 flu death cases in new year

ROME, 12 JAN—A 51-year-old man from Italy's southern Apulia region on Tuesday was confirmed killed by the influenza A/H1N1 virus, becoming the second fatality of the insurgent virus after the beginning of the new year.

The country's first A/H1N1 victim in 2011 was a 36-year-old cardiopathic woman who died a couple of days ago in northern Italy, according to local

news agency ANSA.

Two other people, who also came from the Apulia region and have also contracted the A/H1N1 virus, are now in serious conditions.

Local authorities are confident that the situation is under control and have reassured citizens.

Italy has launched intensive vaccination campaigns across the country to boost people's

awareness and protect their health.

Rome's City Hall on Tuesday invited all residents, especially children, old people, pregnant women and all those suffering from chronic diseases to vaccinate themselves against the virus. Vaccination is free and available at all public medical centers.

Xinhua

5.0-magnitude quake hits south Yellow Sea, tremor felt in Shanghai

BEIJING, 12 JAN—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale hit south Yellow Sea at 9:19 am Wednesday Beijing Time, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre was monitored at 33.3 degrees north latitude and 123.9 degrees east longitude with a depth of 10 kilometres, the centre said.

Residents in some areas of eastern China metropolis Shanghai, including Pudong District, reported they felt the quake.—Xinhua

Moderate quake strikes off E Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 JAN—An earthquake measuring 5.3 on Richter scale rocked eastern parts of Indonesia on Wednesday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake struck at 8:45 am Jakarta time (0145 GMT) with epicentre 135 km southeast Melonguane in North Sulawesi Province and with the depth 24 km underground, the agency said.—Xinhua

19 killed in multi-vehicle road accident in Egypt

CAIRO, 12 JAN—Nineteen people were killed and 13 others were injured as six vehicles crashed in northern Egypt's Al Sharqiya Governorate on Tuesday.

Investigations proved that the accident occurred as a truck driver lost control over the speed and collided with four private cars and a taxi. Road accidents occur frequently in Egypt due to bad road conditions, high speed and poor enforcement of traffic rules.

An estimated 8,000 people die in traffic accidents annually, according to official statistics.—Xinhua

Traffic accident kills 20 in Ghana

ACCRA, 12 JAN—A traffic accident killed some 20 passengers early Tuesday morning near Kumasi, 470 kilometres northwest of Ghana's Capital Accra.

Reports reaching here said that the tragedy occurred at 2 am local time (0200 GMT) when two buses clashed head on at Offinso.

Twenty passengers died on the spot while 42 others were injured, with 8 of them in critical condition, according to Peace FM, a radio stationed in Accra.—Xinhua

At least 5 people killed as shots fired in Abidjan

ABIDJAN, 12 JAN—At least two civilians and three police officers were killed as shots were fired in Cote d'Ivoire's Abidjan, media reports said on Tuesday.

The reports said five bodies could be seen on the street after gunshots were fired amid clashes between supporters of incumbent Laurent Gbagbo and internationally-recognized president-elect Alassane Ouattara.—Xinhua

Report says 13 people killed in attack in central Nigeria

LAGOS, 12 JAN—Thirteen people were feared dead in latest attacks in central part of Nigeria, media reports said Tuesday.

According to the reports, the attack occurred at dawn time in a village. Police officers have been sent to check the incident.—Xinhua

Workshop on biological effectiveness held



A workshop on coordination of processes to draw procedures to test biological effectiveness in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—The Myanmar Agriculture Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and FAO regional office based in Bangkok, Thailand, co-organized a workshop on coordination of processes to draw procedures to test biological effectiveness

at MAS in Gyogon, here, on 10 January. It was attended by officials from MAS, representatives from eight ASEAN countries, FAO Consultant Dr Dinesh Kumar Nagia and distinguished guests. Rector of University of Agriculture (Yezin) Dr Myint Thaug and

FAO Resident Representative Dr Shinimai delivered speeches. The workshop coordinated processes among ASEAN nations to test biological effectiveness of pesticides submitted by nations for international registration. MNA

Shwe Lamin Nagar to take part in New Year Special Sales Exhibition



YANGON, 12 Jan—Acer products will be on display at New Year Special Sales Exhibition to be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here from 14 to 17 January. Acer LED monitor (model G195 HQLVD) 18.5" will be at special price K 90,000 within limits.

Those bringing with Acer and Apacer coupons from Itizen Journal will have a chance to get Apacer 4 GB memory stick (Handy Drive) at K 5000 without limits.

As special sales promotion, 50 units of Apacer 2 GB and Apacer Micro SD 2 GB memory sticks are available at K 2000 a day from 2 pm to 4 pm.

For more information, contact Acer showroom & customer care centre in Yangon (Ph: 221683 and 217233), Email: shwelaminagar@gmail.com. MNA

Industry-2 Minister oversees reconstruction works in Kyaukpyu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein looked into progress of repair works and construction of school buildings for Education College at Kyaukpyu Township in Rakhine State on 9 January.

After inspecting progress of

reconstruction and rehabilitation work in Kyunthaya and Ngapathon villages, the minister cordially greeted local people.

On 10 January, the minister held discussions on work progress with departmental officials at the office of Kyaukpyu District Peace and

Development Council. Then the minister oversaw newly-built basic education primary school buildings in Kamdi, Kat Thabye and Zaitpyaintaung villages and spoke words of encouragement in meeting with local people, teachers and students.—MNA

Entries invited for World Health Day Magazine, Exhibition

YANGON, 12 Jan—Entries were invited for World Health Day Magazine and Exhibition to submit to Deputy Director of Central Health Education Department at the Ministry of Health, Office No (4), Nay Pyi Taw, before the

deadline of 1 March.

Articles, poems, cartoons, fictions and photos will be under the theme "Combating Antimicrobial Resistance" as set by World Health Organization for World Health Day which falls on 7 April, 2011.—MNA

Press conference on cane ball contest held

YANGON, 12 Jan—A press conference on Myanmar Hoteliers Association Chairman's Cup and Myanmar Cane Ball Federation President's Cup cane ball contest was held at Traders Hotel here today.

MHA Chairman Dr Khin Shwe and MCBF

President U Soe Naing extended greetings. The responsible persons gave accounts of the contest.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee SPED Director-General U Thaug Htaik gave concluding speech.

The winners in each

event were scheduled to be awarded K 1.5 million for first prize, K 1 million for second and K 0.5 million for third. The contest will be held in Bagan Archaeological Region and NyaungU of Mandalay Region during the third week of February.—MNA

Myanmar Health Research Conference goes on

YANGON, 12 Jan—Third day session of Myanmar Health Research Conference of Ministry of Health continued at Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) in

Dagon Township, here, today. A total of 19 papers were submitted to the conference.

At the conference, medical experts from home and abroad discussed medical science development and researchers raised the questions.

The conference will go on till 14 January. The best basis research paper of the year, the best applied research paper, the best research paper on health system and the best research poster will be honoured on the final day. MNA



LAB EQUIPMENT DONATED: Managing Director Dr Than Win of Concordia International Co Ltd Mr John Gao and Mr Iven Liu of Mindray (Shenzhen-China) on 11 January presented Fully Auto-Biochemistry Analyzer, Model: BS-120 worth US \$ 10500 to Pathology Department of Yangon General Hospital through Medical Superintendent Daw Nu Nu Tha.—MNA

MPMEEA delegation leaves for India

YANGON, 12 Jan—At the invitation of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council (PHARMEXCIL) of

India, Chairman Dr Win Sithu, Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin, Advisor Dr Saw Hla Tun, CEC members and members of Myanmar

Pharmaceutical and Equipment Entrepreneurs Association left here on 9 January for India, to attend suppliers and

consumers meet and Vibrant Gujarat 2011 being held from 11 to 13 January. Officials saw off the delegation at Yangon International Airport. MNA



BOOTH STAGED: Products of Royal Smart Co., Ltd put on display at New Year Special Sales exhibition 2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Yangon on 12 January.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein at No (5) Fertilizer Plant (Pathein).—MNA



Prime Minister attends opening...

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In his address, the Prime Minister said that the Tatmadaw government has been working steadfastly for boosting agricultural production. As a result, domestic food supply well exceeds demand. It is thus needed to make sustained efforts to scale up national development through industrialization.

He stressed the importance of cooperative production of goods with foreign experts to learn

Prime Minister U Thein Sein inspects No (5) Fertilizer Plant (Pathein).
MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win and Minister U Lun Thi formally open No (5) Fertilizer Plant (Pathein).—MNA

technologies from them, regular maintenance of machines, conducting in-service training courses to improve skills of workers in order that the plant will be able to regularly operate at full capacity, improvement of technological expertise and maintenance of machines, careful attention to technological dissemination, minimizing loss and unnecessary wastage, and security of the plant.

The Prime Minister praised the staff members who showed their brilliant performance in building the plant.

Lying in an area of 200 acres near Ohbo

Photo shows No (5) Fertilizer Plant of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy.—MNA



It is needed to make sustained efforts to scale up national development through industrialization.

Village in Kangyidaunt Township, the plant is capable of producing 325 tons of ammonia and 500 tons of urea a day.—MNA

ART treatment to cover three more townships



Responsible persons of Health Department and IUATLD visit Specialist Hospital (Thakayta).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan — Director (Disease Control) Dr Win Maung of the Ministry of Health and officials together with Dr. Philippe Clervenergh of International Union Against TB and Lung Diseases (IUATLD) visited Specialist Hospital (Thakayta) in Thakayta Township here yesterday morning. They inspected giving care and treatment to HIV/AIDS patients and TB patients and laboratories there. Medical Superintendent Dr Kyaw Zeya and the

consultant specialist conducted them round the hospital.

Next, they discussed matters related to availability of Antiretroviral Therapy and medicines for OIS including TB and technical and material support for upgrading of the laboratory. Dr. Philippe Clervenergh of IUATLD said he was delighted to see preparations for the patients and IUATLD will make further corporation with the Ministry of Health.

Since 2005, IUATLD has provided

HIV/AIDS patients with ART at Mandalay People's Hospital, Pakokku, Lashio and Taunggyi Hospitals in collaboration with National TB Programme and National AIDS Programme. Arrangements are being made to expand the availability of ART at Monywa, Myingyan and Meiktila Hospitals.

National AIDS Programme is also carrying out provision of ART for HIV/AIDS patients in cooperation with other 14 NGOs and INGOs in the country.

MNA

MSI laptops to be displayed at New Year Special Sales Exhibition

YANGON, 12 Jan— Royal Smart Co Ltd plans to display its MSI products at New Year Special Sales Exhibition in 2011 to be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road

here from 14 to 17 January.

There will be latest P67A-GD55, and H 6 7 M A - E 4 5 motherboards of MSI along with CPU socket 1155 (Sandy Bridge) of

Intel at the exhibition. The MSI laptops to be showcased at the exhibition will be Ex 465-MX, CR 420-P6100, FX 400-i3, CX 420-i3, GX 640-i7 (Gaming Series). MNA

New BEHS opening honours Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan — Hailing 64th Union Day, the opening ceremony of Basic Education High School was held in Wetkya village in Pale Township in Sagaing Region on 8 January.

Township Education Officer U Htein Min, Headmistress Daw Khin San Yi and village elders formally

opened the school. Township Chairman U Aung Kyaw Soe made an opening address.

The township education officer explained education affairs, the headmistress briefed on situations of the school and the village chairman and a village elder spoke words of thanks at the ceremony.—MNA

Coffee, foreign exchange...

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acres were put under coffee plants. It is the first and biggest one in the history of Myanmar's coffee growing. Since then, Silver Oak trees that provide shades for coffee plants have been grown.

The life of Silver Oak trees there are now 80 years. Like Chaungway coffee farm, BT Brother U Ba Tu grew coffee plants on

60-acre of land at Pwaytaung region near PyinOoLwin, together with silver Oak trees. The life of coffee plants and silver Oak are now about 55 years. The silver Oak is not Myanmar species. It has come from Australia since 1920. The wood can be used for furniture. It is marketable and a foreign currency earner. Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise and Myanma Farms Enterprise have nurtured silver Oak

saplings at State-owned coffee farms, and are distributing them to the growers. At least 170 silver Oak saplings are to be grown in one acre of coffee farm. PyinOoLwin region is now covered with silver Oak forest because during the periods from 1995 to 2010, silver oak trees were grown together with coffee plants. In the past, the lake in National Landmark Garden, which is a glory of PyinOoLwin, often ran dry due to deforestation of



Photo shows coffee plantation among Silver Oak trees.



Thriving Silver Oak trees providing shade for coffee plants.

Kandawgyi watershed area. Since over the last ten years, coffee and silver Oak trees have been grown in Kandawgyi watershed area. Like Kandawgyi, Doegwin lake had to face shortage of water. Only after silver oak trees have been grown together with the coffee plants, did the lakes return to normal. In PyinOoLwin region, 261,035 silver oak trees and 1,305,175 "Kathit" (Erythrina arborescens) shady trees

have been grown.

Foreign merchants often buy PyinOoLwin region-grown coffee. Now, current price of PyinOoLwin region-produced coffee is above K 40,000. Due to good price, the growers get now engaged in growing coffee on a commercial scale.

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China's civil aviation reports profit surge

BEIJING, 12 Jan—China's civil aviation industry boomed last year as increasing air travel drove profits to 43.7 billion yuan, a senior Chinese aviation official said Tuesday.

The profits were sharply up from 12.2 billion yuan the previous year.

Wang Changshun, deputy director of the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC), attributed the surge to increasing passenger demand as 267 million Chinese traveled by air last year, up 15.8 percent year on year.

Profits of the country's airline companies stood at 35.1 billion yuan last year while profits of airports nationwide exceeded 5 billion yuan, said Wang at a work conference.

Business revenue of the sector reached 411.5 billion yuan, up 37.2 percent.

Wang said passenger volume last year at Beijing Capital International Airport surpassed 70 million, the second highest in the world.—Xinhua



Renata and her husband Clayton relax in the corridor of their home in the Santa Marta slum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 9 Jan, 2011. After the wooden house being destroyed by a landslide two years ago, Renata and her family resettled into the social welfare building offered by the government, and just has to pay the minimum value of the electricity and gas (about 40 Brazilian Real per month). Brazil launched a package of social welfare building programme since 2009 and will benefit more than 1 million poor families.—XINHUA

US on guard against chocolate eggs from Canada

OTTAWA, 12 Jan—The United States takes its ban on chocolate eggs with toys inside very seriously, a Canadian woman discovered when she was threatened at the border with a 300-dollar fine over a Kinder Surprise, media said Tuesday.

Public broadcaster CBC said Lind Bird was stopped at the US border last month and selected for a random search of her vehicle. Authorities found and seized a two-dollar Kinder Surprise as illegal contraband.

"It's just a chocolate egg," Bird told CBC. "And they were making a big deal. They said: 'If you were caught with this across the border you would get charged a 300-dollar fine.'" "It's ridiculous," she added.

Ferrero first launched the



A child plays with small toys collected from the famous Kinder Surprise chocolate eggs.—INTERNET

confection in Italy in 1972, but has been denied access to the US market over concerns that tiny toys hidden inside the eggs pose a choking hazard to small children. The United States also prohibits embedding non-food items in confections.

Internet

Western Australia's bushfire still out of control

CANBERRA, 12 Jan—A bushfire on Tuesday is still burning out of control in south of Perth, Western Australia.

Hundreds of residents were forced to flee their homes on Monday afternoon shortly after the blaze broke out at Lake Clifton, 100 km south of Perth.

According to the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA), early indications were that four structures had been lost along with stock and infrastructure.

More than 150 firefighters have been

battling the blaze, which remained out of control at 4 am (WST) on Tuesday.

"Firefighters have saved lives and more than 40 homes in challenging conditions," a FESA statement showed on Tuesday. "As at 4 am the fire is still out of control and unpredictable."

Australia Associat-ed Press reported that the bushfire has so far burnt about 2,000 hectares. It raced through a plantation area, threatening properties around Lake Clifton in Waroona shire

and then Herron in the City of Mandurah.

Authorities have said the blaze developed from several smaller fires that had been deliberately lit.

There was seven ignition points, FESA said, adding that the fire is moving west with wind gusts of up to 50km/h expected.

Burnt powerpoles and trees have fallen across roads, and FESA warned more were at risk of falling.

Several roads in the area have been closed with motorists advised to avoid the area.—Xinhua



Audience visit an exhibition of Asian children's clothing at Guimet Museum in Paris, France, on 10 Jan, 2011. The exhibition with the theme of the "children's clothes, adults' mirror" will last till on 24 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

Burglars flee after finding girl in house

LINCOLN, 12 Jan—Burglars ran away from a house in Lincoln, Neb, when they found a 12-year-old girl home on a snow day, police said.

The girl heard someone break in through a door Monday afternoon, hid in a

bedroom with her 10-year-old sibling and called police, officer Katie Flood told *The Lincoln Journal*.

She looked through the doorway and saw a man, Flood said. He saw her, too, and told his accomplice there were people inside.

"They successfully broke into the house," the officer said. "Nothing was taken."

A neighbour who was out sledding saw two people run from the house, Flood said, and police tracked footprints in the snow to the parking lot of a nearby bank.

They found a fresh set of tire tracks where the footprints stopped.

Bank staff and the girl gave differing descriptions of the suspects, the report said.

Internet

Freezing weather in south China to continue

BEIJING, 12 Jan—China's meteorological authorities said Tuesday freezing weather and icy rain will continue to hit south China over the next three days, adding to the region's transport misery.

The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) Tuesday kept its yellow alert for freezing temperatures in south China, including for the Provinces of Guizhou, Yunnan, Hunan and Jiangxi, and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Meanwhile, central and western parts of Guizhou Province and

some parts of Hunan Province will also be hit by icy rain over the next three days, the NMC said in a statement on its website.

Snow and sleet are expected to affect Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan Provinces, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and northeast China over the same period.

The NMC suggested old people living in south China avoid outdoor activities while the bad weather lasts.

Persistent icy weather has wreaked havoc in south China, disrupting traffic and damaging power facilities.—Xinhua

A man cleans snow off the sidewalk in Teheran, capital of Iran, on 10 Jan, 2011. The first snowfall after the air pollution in 2011 hit Teheran on Monday.

XINHUA



WikiLeaks to release more confidential US embassy cables

BEIJING, 12 Jan— WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has announced he will step up the publication schedule of secret documents.

He made the comments after appearing at a London court, where he is fighting extradition to Sweden.

He said Wikileaks will unveil more confidential US embassy cables and other documents.

Julian Assange,

WikiLeaks founder, said, "I'd also like to say that our work with WikiLeaks continues unabated and we are stepping up our publishing for matters related to 'Cablegate' and other materials.

Those will shortly be occurring through our newspaper partners around the world, big and small newspapers and some human rights organisations."

Xinhua



Tourists in Jingtangshan City in Jiangxi Province visit a sculpture incorporating the badge of the Communist Party of China, the red flag and the Chinese characters for the city of Jingtangshan.

XINHUA

More than 100 dead birds found off Calif highway

GEYSERSVILLE, 12 Jan— California wildlife officials are trying to figure out what caused the death of more than 100 birds found clustered together just off Highway 101.

The Santa Rosa Press Democrat reports that California Highway Patrol officers found the dead birds near the roadway on Saturday and called in the state Department of Fish and Game to investigate.

The officers who found the birds described them as small with brown and black feathers. They were intact and had not been shot.

The reports come as other, larger bird deaths have been reported in Arkansas, Louisiana and other states.

Scientists say mass die-offs of wildlife happen regularly, and are usually unrelated and unreported.

Internet



Photo taken on 11 Jan, 2011 shows an aerial view of Sapporo City in Hokkaido, Japan. Hokkaido is the northernmost one of Japan's four largest islands. In winter, the unmelted snow makes Hokkaido a white world, which attracts many tourists overseas.—XINHUA

Brazil to invest 640 mln dollars to combat dengue

BRASILIA, 12 Jan— Brazil will allocate 640 million US dollars as part of a contingency plan to combat dengue, Brazil's official news agency reported Tuesday.

The contingency plan was announced Tuesday by Health Minister Alexandre Padilla after a meeting of President Dilma Rousseff and 12 representatives of ministries.

The Ministry of Health also released Tuesday a study indicating that 16 out of 27 Brazilian states face high risk of dengue epidemic in the

coming months.

The contingency plan will focus on these 16 states, where partnerships will be established with local officials and entrepreneurs to combat the disease.

In 2010, Brazil recorded a million cases of dengue in the country, which caused 550 deaths. A total of 15,500 were considered serious cases.

"We want to avoid the situation that occurred last year and prevent deaths and cases of the disease," said Padilla.—Xinhua

China's local opera troupe to perform in Cuba

HAVANA, 12 Jan— A local opera troupe from south China will perform the Wu Opera, one of China's traditional operas, in Havana on 29 Jan, the National Theater of Cuba said Tuesday.

The Wu Opera Troupe of Zhejiang is scheduled to play dances, songs, acrobatics and music with traditional Chinese masks and costumes.

The performance will exhibit various elements of the China's traditional opera including mythological creatures, martial arts and dance.

The performance will include a dance of dragons and lions, which symbolize majesty, happiness and luck.

Founded in 1956, the Wu Opera Troupe of Zhejiang has dedicated to rescuing and restoring the Wu opera, the second major theatrical genre in Zhejiang with a history of over 400 years.—Xinhua



A farmer dries lanterns in the sun in Yangzhao Village of Yuncheng City, north China's Shanxi Province on 11 Jan, 2011. Farmers in Yangzhao Village, which is famous for producing lanterns, work hard to produce festival lanterns in order to meet the market demand as the Chinese Lunar New Year approaches.—XINHUA



A customer selects New Year decorations in a market in Macao, south China, on 11 Jan, 2011 for the upcoming Spring Festival of the Year of Rabbit in Chinese Lunar Calendar.

XINHUA

California governor targets public cell phones for spending cut

LOS ANGELES, 12 Jan— In his first executive order since taking office, California Governor Jerry Brown on Tuesday ordered massive cell phone cutback for state employees in a bid to cut spending.

State agency and department heads must collect and turn in 48,000 government-paid cell phones — half of those now in use — by 1 June, 2011, according to Brown's executive order.

The state will save

at least 20 million dollars a year by cutting cell phone use by half, the governor estimated.

The state now pays for 96,000 cell phones, or for 40 percent of all state employees, the governor said.

Xinhua

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An IndiGo Airbus A320 aircraft makes for final approach at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi in 2010.—INTERNET



Airbus says IndiGo to buy 180 A320s for \$16.4 b

PARIS, 12 Jan — Indian airline IndiGo has signed an agreement to buy 180 Airbus A320 single-aisle aircraft in a record sale worth \$16.4 billion (12.6 billion euros), the European plane maker said on Tuesday.

"It is the largest single firm order number for large jets in commercial aviation history," Airbus said in a statement.

The low-cost airline has signed a memorandum of understanding to acquire 150 of the new A320neo versions equipped with more efficient engines and fuel-saving wing tips, which Airbus plans to start delivering to clients in 2016.

The other 30 planes are to be standard versions of the A320. The price of the deal was not announced, but according to Airbus' catalogue price is worth \$16.4 billion.

The order will make IndiGo the launch customer of the A320neo, which Airbus unveiled only last month.

"This order for industry leading fuel efficient aircraft will allow IndiGo to continue to offer low fares," said Rakesh Gangwal and Rahul Bhatia, co-founders of IndiGo.—Internet

S Korea reports additional FMD case

SEOUL, 12 Jan — South Korea on Wednesday confirmed an additional case of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in a central region, bringing the total number of cases to 116 since the first outbreak on 29 Nov. The Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries said the additional case was found at a cattle farm in Chungju, 147 kilometres southeast of Seoul.

All 17 animal at the farm have been ordered culled as well as livestock within a 500-metre radius of the farm to prevent the spread of the disease, the ministry said.

The highly contagious animal disease has forced South Korea to kill over 1.41 million animal including pigs and cattle, with losses estimated to amount to around 1.4 trillion won (1.2 billion US dollars). Nearly 1.25 million cattle and pigs have received vaccines since the country's worst outbreak of FMD.

The country was hit by the disease in 2000, 2002 and twice early last year.—Xinhua



Sea gulls rest in the coastal wet land in Ganyu County of Lianyungang City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 12 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

Singapore airlines to launch flights to Sao Paulo, Brazil in late March

SINGAPORE, 12 Jan — Singapore Airlines will launch flights to Sao Paulo, Brazil, starting from 28 March, the airline said Wednesday.

Sao Paulo will be Singapore Airlines' fourth destination in South America. The flight will operate on Monday, Thursday and Saturday, with the flights first heading to Barcelona and then from there to Sao Paulo.

The new flight services will be carried out by Boeing 777-300ER aircraft. —Xinhua

Bag full of snakes on a plane to Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi police say an airline passenger carried a bag filled with snakes and other animals on an eight-hour flight with him from Indonesia to the United Arab Emirates.

The menagerie, including four snakes, two parrots and a squirrel inside a box, was found in the transit area at Abu Dhabi's Airport last week.

Police have declined to give the suspect's name or final destination.

Media reports Tuesday say it's unclear how the animals passed authorities in Indonesia. But there was no real-life replay of the 2006 thriller "Snakes on a Plane" during the flight. Police did not identify the snake



Snakes found in the luggage of a passenger arriving at Abu Dhabi International Airport.

species. But a Dubai-based newspaper, *7 Days*, quoted experts as saying the photos appear to be reticulated and blood pythons, both non-venomous.

Chinese man sues neighbours over rude bird

The offensive squawks of a pet bird so enraged a Taiwanese man that he sued its owners — his neighbours — for inflicting emotional stress and injuries, a report said Tuesday.

Wang Han-chin, an electrician in central Taipei China, accused five neighbours of teaching their mynah, a parrot-like bird, to curse at him as revenge after he complained to the police that they were too loud, the *Liberty Times* reported.

Wang alleged that whenever he left home, the bird would see him off with the words "Clueless big-mouthed idiot", causing serious distress and making him lose concentration at work so he suffered bum injuries, it said.



A mynah drinks water in a small water -falls in Fiji.

He pressed charges, but the neighbours denied instructing the bird to curse and prosecutors decided to drop the charges due to insufficient evidence linking the bird to his injuries, it added.

News Album



Animals have Laba feast during the Laba Festival in a wild animal park in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province. Staff members in the animal park prepared special food according to folk traditions for the animals. Chinese people have long followed the tradition of celebrating the Laba Festival which falls on Tuesday this year. Laba literally means the eighth day of the twelfth month on Chinese lunar calendar.

Okla boy rescued after tongue gets stuck on pole

In a scene straight from the movie "A Christmas Story," an 8-year-old Oklahoma boy got his tongue stuck to a metal pole after he licked it on a dare.

Officials say when rescue crews arrived Tuesday morning, the boy was standing on his tiptoes, trying to wriggle his frozen tongue free from a stop sign pole across the street from Woodward Middle

School. Paramedics were able to help the boy by pouring water on his tongue. Once free, the boy got his tongue stuck to a metal pole after he licked it on a dare.

The boy was taken to a Woodward hospital for treatment. The scene was similar to one in "A Christmas Story," a 1983 movie adapted from Jean Shepard's memoir of a boy in the 1940s.



A cross-eyed opossum (didelphis) called Heidi sits in its interim enclosure, in the zoo in Leipzig, Germany, on Wednesday, 15 Dec, 2010. The animal came from a zoo in Denmark to Leipzig, where they found out that she is cross-eyed.

Soulja Boy says he deserved Kanye's 2008 Grammy



Artist Soulja Boy. INTERNET

NEW YORK, 12 Jan—Soulja Boy is pulling a Kanye about Kanye West. The rapper's break-

through song, "Crank Dat (Soulja Boy)," was up for the best rap song Grammy in 2008, but lost to West's party anthem, the T-Pain-assisted "Good Life."

Soulja Boy says initially he "wasn't really thinking about it" and was optimistic that he would "get it next year."

Now, the 20-year-old says while recording his recently released third album, "The DeAndre

Way," he felt like "he should have got that Grammy."

The new CD has a song titled "Grammy," which features singer-songwriter Ester Dean. Soulja Boy hopes that after the Grammy committee hears the track, it will change its "perception." West has earned 14 Grammys; Soulja Boy has not been up for an award since "Crank Dat" was nominated.—*Internet*



Colombian pop singer Shakira and her boyfriend Argentina's Antonio de la Rúa. INTERNET

Shakira announces split with longtime boyfriend

BOGOTA, 12 Jan—Shakira and her Argentine boyfriend of 11 years say in a note on the Colombian pop star's website that they have split up.

Shakira and Antonio de la Rúa say they decided in August to "take time apart" from their romantic relationship but kept the details private until now.

The note posted Monday says the two view their separation as temporary, and adds that de la Rúa will continue to oversee Shakira's business and career interests.

He is the son of a former president of Argentina. A person close to the couple says they are now together in Paris. The person insisted on speaking anonymously, noting the subject's sensitivity.

The 33-year-old Shakira said in various interviews in 2009 that she was ready to have babies.—*Internet*

Longoria sued by former Vegas nightclub partner

LOS ANGELES, 12 Jan—Desperate Housewives' co-star Eva Longoria is being sued for at least \$4 million over her financially troubled Las Vegas nightclub.

A former partner in the Beso club, Mali Nachum, claims Longoria violated California usury laws.

The suit was filed Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court.



Actress Eva Longoria Parker.—INTERNET

Longoria lent Nachum \$1 million for the venture in 2009 and was promised repayment at 8 percent annual interest and a large stake in the club.

But according to the suit, Nachum discovered in December that the terms violated California usury laws. He estimates damages of at least \$4 million and is seeking three times that figure.

Internet

French screen siren Marion Cotillard pregnant

LOS ANGELES, 12 Jan—French actress Marion Cotillard and her partner, actor and director Guillaume Canet, are expecting their first child in the coming months, her spokesperson told AFP Monday.

Cotillard, 35, and Canet, 37, began dating in 2007 and are known as one of the most glamorous couples in

French cinema. They are not engaged, and have no intention of marrying, celebrity magazine *People* reported Monday.

After winning the best actress Oscar in 2007 for her role as iconic singer Edith Piaf in "La Vie en Rose," Cotillard has concentrated her career in larger Hollywood movies in



French actress Marion Cotillard.—INTERNET

recent years, including 2010's blockbuster "Inception" alongside Leonard Di Caprio.

Internet

SPORTS

Iran come from behind to beat foes Iraq

DOHA, 12 Jan — Three-times champions Iran stormed back from the shock of losing an early goal to grab a 2-1 victory over arch rivals and holders Iraq at the Asian Cup Tuesday. With United Arab Emirates and North Korea playing out a 0-0 draw earlier, Iran top Group D after the first round of games.

Iman Mohdali was the hero for Iran, his free-kick — which was an intended cross — drifting in with six minutes left for an emotional win that his side just about deserved.

There was a brief period of silence before the highly anticipated clash at

a half-full Al-Rayyan Stadium for 77 people who died on Sunday evening in an Iran plane crash.

Iran coach Afshin Ghotbi dedicated the victory to the victims, then admitted it was a “special” win in what was one of the biggest games of the tournament so far.

Internet



Iraq's midfielder Samer Said (R) challenges Iran's forward Gholamreza Rezaei during their 2011 Asian Cup.—INTERNET

N Korea, UAE in scoreless stalemate

DOHA, 12 Jan — North Korea was forced to dig deep to salvage a point against a rampant United Arab Emirates as they opened their Asian Cup



UAE midfielder Ismail al-Hammadi (back) challenges North Korea defender Jon Kwang-Ik during their opening Asian Cup.—INTERNET

campaign in less than convincing fashion Tuesday.

The Koreans, who made the World Cup in South Africa but lost all three games, withstood a barrage of UAE pressure throughout the 90 minutes at the Qatar Sports Club Stadium. After North Korea captain Hong Yong-Jo squandered an early penalty, the UAE gradually shifted into top gear, attacking a disorganised Korean team relentlessly.

All told, the Gulf side fired off 23 shots, including five on goal, against six for the Koreans.—Internet

Robert Garrigus: reason to be happy even in defeat

HONOLULU, 12 Jan — The day after missing a 3-foot putt to lose in a playoff, Robert Garrigus couldn't eat.

His mind was a mess, his nerves still jangled. He tried to explain his feelings to his family, but the words sounded hollow and he felt no one could truly understand except him.

You see, Garrigus grew up in Oregon, and he couldn't stop thinking about the BCS Championship game that night, which his beloved Ducks

wound up losing. As for the golf?

Internet



Robert Garrigus reacts after making an eagle putt on the 18th green during the third round of the Hyundai.—INTERNET

Beckham trains at Spurs as loan talks continue

LONDON, 12 Jan — David Beckham trained with Tottenham for the first time on Tuesday as Spurs boss Harry Redknapp expressed his hopes that a loan deal for the midfielder could yet be agreed.

The former England captain smiled and joked with Spurs players as he took part in a light session at the club's training ground in Essex.

Redknapp said Spurs were still hopeful that the Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder could be signed on a short-term deal before returning to the United States for the start of the Major League Soccer season in March.

“There is nothing at the moment, but we will



English footballer David Beckham (C) trains with Tottenham Hotspur at their Spurs Lodge training complex.—INTERNET

see what happens, who knows?” Redknapp told *Sky Sports News*.

“I am not dealing with that side, but it is good to have him here.

“David is a top player and a fantastic boy.

“Everyone respects David and looks up to him so it was good to have him here today.”

Internet

Celtic boss Lennon given six-match ban



Celtic manager Neil Lennon

GLASGOW, 12 Jan — Celtic manager Neil Lennon was given a six-match touchline ban by the Scottish Football Association on Tuesday.

Lennon had hoped to win his appeal against an automatic two-match ban and a charge of excessive misconduct after

being sent to the stand during a game against Hearts on 10 November.

But his appeal backfired as the SFA's disciplinary committee opted to treble his original punishment.

During the 2-0 defeat at Hearts, Lennon reacted angrily to the dismissal of midfielder Joe Ledley, while Celtic were also frustrated when a penalty appeal for handball was turned down - prompting a furious protest from the Hoops chief.

Internet

Europe's clubs rack up record losses: UEFA

NYON, 12 Jan — More than half of Europe's top football clubs are still in the red, with a record 1.2 billion euro losses about a year before UEFA's new financial rules kick in, officials said on Tuesday.

“Two years ago almost 70 percent of clubs were in the red,” said Gianni Infantino, secretary general of European football's governing body.

“At present there are still 56 percent - that means more than half of all professional football clubs are in the red,” Infantino



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told journalists as UEFA unveiled its club licensing report for 2009.

Internet

Spain riled as Barca pair lose out on Ballon d'Or

MADRID, 12 Jan — Spain's media on Tuesday expressed frustration after Barcelona pair Xavi and Andres Iniesta lost out to Lionel Messi for the Ballon D'Or accolade while Spain coach Vicente del Bosque was pipped by Real Madrid's Jose Mourinho as best coach. “Gold for Messi and disappointment for Spain. Messi and Mou leave the ‘Roja’ heroes without the Ballon d’or,” said sports daily AS.

Marca sports daily also took up the theme as it opined: “FIFA scorns the world champions and leaves Xavi and Iniesta and del Bosque without a prize. Without a doubt Spanish

football is the big loser of this edition” of the Ballon d’or annual accolade.

With Mourinho winning the coaches title Real, despite being generally overshadowed recently by Barcelona, Real managed to cock a snook at their Catalan rivals and striker Cristiano Ronaldo was jubilant after accompanying his manager to the Zurich ceremony.

Internet



Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernandez

Foster blunder gives West Ham League Cup advantage

LONDON, 12 Jan — Birmingham goalkeeper Ben Foster's embarrassing blunder gave 10-man West Ham a 2-1 win in the League Cup semi-final



Birmingham's English striker Cameron Jerome (L) vies with West Ham's New Zealand defender Winston Reid (R) during their semi-final League Cup football match at Upton Park, London.—INTERNET

first leg at Upton Park on Tuesday. Avram Grant's Hammers were on the rack after Liam Ridgewell's second goal cancelled out Mark Noble's first half opener.

The Hammers then had Nigerian striker Victor Obinna sent off for a petulant kick at Sebastian Larsson.

But Foster made a hash of saving Carlton Cole's weak shot in the closing stages and West Ham have a slender advantage to take to St Andrew's for the second leg on 26 January.—Internet

Wozniacki, Zvonareva fail in Sydney tennis

SYDNEY, 12 Jan — Top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki and Vera Zvonareva crashed out of the Sydney International on Tuesday, leaving them short of vital match practice ahead of next week's Australian Open.

Danish world number one Wozniacki was knocked out by Slovakia's 32nd-ranked Dominika Cibulkova 6-3, 6-3 in one hour 40 minutes and was followed out of the tournament by Russian Zvonareva on a rain-interrupted day.

Second-ranked Zvonareva fell to Italian Flavia Pennetta 7-5 7-5,

leaving US Open champion third-seeded Kim Clijsters as the highest-ranking seed left in the tournament.

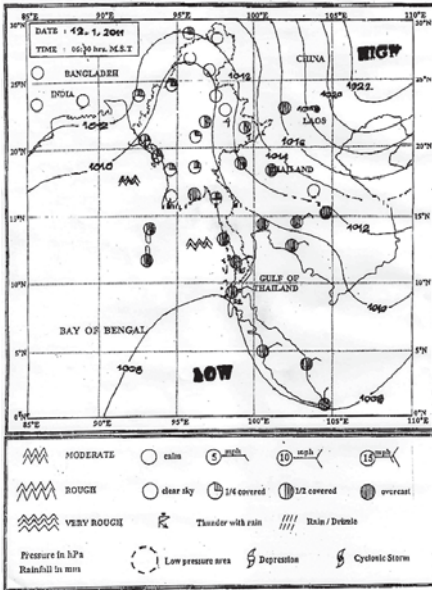
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Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark plays a forehand volley against Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia during their second round match at the Sydney International tennis tournament on 11 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 12th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain has been fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, isolated in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay Region, and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperature in Magway and Bago Regions, (5°C) below January average temperature in Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Northern Shan, Mon and Kayin States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, (5°C) above January average temperatures in Eastern Shan State and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2°C) and Putao (3°C), Namhsam, Heho and Loilin (4°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Ye (1.69) inches, Longlone (1.50) inches, Myeik (0.87) inch and Dawei (0.63) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 11-1-2011 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 12-1-2011 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-1-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 12-1-2011 was (Nil) .

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 11-1-2011 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 12-1-2011 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-1-2011 was (59%). Total sunshine hours on 11-1-2011 was (8.4) hours.

Rainfall on 12-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 11-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 13th January 2011: Rain are likely to be isolated in Mon and Kayin States, Taninthayi Region and weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-1-2011: Partly cloudy .

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-1-2011: Partly cloudy .

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-1-2011: Partly cloudy .

21 dead, 27 injured in two bus accidents in China

BEIJING, 12 Jan — Twenty-one people died and 27 were injured in two separate bus accidents in China, local authorities said on Wednesday.

In Xuchang, central China's Henan Province, a coach crashed on an expressway Tuesday evening, killing 16 people and injuring 23 others, police said.

The coach initially hit two cars that had already collided with each other. It then smashed through the expressway safety barrier, hurtled down a slope and overturned, said Xi Hongyu, deputy head of the traffic police unit in Xuchang.

The bus had 42 people, including a driver and a conductor, aboard, Xi said. Four of the passengers died at the scene. Twelve died later in hospital. Six of the injured were seriously hurt.

The coach belonged to the Pingdingshan Transport Company.—Xinhua



The Soutra solar powered sound system for iPod and iPhone is seen here being displayed in the Eton booth during the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show at the Las Vegas Convention Centre, on 6 Jan, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Apple snubbed the event but vendors of accessories for its hot devices turned out in force.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (13-1-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am-11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	- (13-1-11 09:30 am ~ 14-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Lovely Customs and Dances of Gon Shan
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "New Model"
- * News
- * The Essence of Vipassana
- * News
- * Orchids Research from Mount Popa

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- * News
- * Youth & Music (Part-3)
- * News
- * Sein Minthar "Solo Dance"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * MI people's Celebrities "Phyo Gyi & Thinzar Wint Kyaw"
- * Mularsheedi we Love!
- * News
- * Living in Paradise
- * Myanmar Movie "An Ugly Fate"



Thursday, 13 January
View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw
- 7:15 am**
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
- 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 7:50 am**
- 6. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
- 8:05 am**
- 7. Song Of National Races
- 8:15 am**
- 8. Dance Variety
- 8:25 am**
- 9. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 8:40 am**
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
- 11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm**
- 3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

- 4:30 pm**
- 4. Cute Little Dancers
- 4:40 pm**
- 5. Musical Programme
- 4:55 pm**
- 6. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Mathematics)
- 5:10 pm**
- 7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:15 pm**
- 8. Music Series
- 5:45 pm**
- 9. Science And Environment (Fresh) (A Ripple Effect Production)

- 6:00 pm**
- 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 12. Myanmar Series
- 6:40 pm**
- 13. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm**
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. Documentary
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. TV Drama Series

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Coffee, foreign exchange earner

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Coffee is a popular crop in the globe. Coffee is in high demand and gets a good price in the market. So, entrepreneurs become more interested in growing coffee. Authority concerned allocates deforested lands, vacant lands and lands in watershed areas to coffee growers. Up to date,

59242 acres of land in PyinOoLwin region and 55,000 acres in Nawngkhio region (North of Shan State) are targeted to grow coffee. In PyinOoLwin region, a total of 15,355 acres were allocated to the entrepreneurs. Silver Oak trees were grown together with coffee plants. In 1930, Mr George Shand from

Scotland established Shan Mountain Coffee Estate, now called Chaungway, near Chaungway village, Nawngkhio Township, Shan State (North) about 30 miles north of PyinOoLwin. The estate had a total area of 400 acres, and of them, 350
(See page 9)



Coffee plantation seen together with Silver Oak trees in PyinOoLwin.