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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

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi tarred road, Kyweshin Bridge open

NAYPYITAW, 15 Jan—Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi (Ngansat-Kyweshin Section) tarred road was commissioned into service at Mile Post No.17/2 this morning. The opening ceremony of the four-lane road built by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura

U Myint Maung, Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Swe and U Myint Thein.

First, the commander, ministers and deputy ministers formally opened the road. Next, they walked along the road together with officials.

The five miles and four furlong long road was 12 feet wide in the past but it has now been widened to 48 feet with four lanes.

Then followed the opening ceremony of Kyweshin Bridge. The

commander delivered a speech and Minister U Khin Maung Myint explained facts about the bridge.

The ministers and deputy ministers formally opened the bridge and the commander formally unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

Flanked by 5-foot wide pedestrian lane, the over 180-foot-long Kyweshin Bridge has four motorways with 48 feet in width. It can withstand 60-ton loads.

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Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers and guests stroll on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi (Ngansat-Kyweshin Section) tarred road.

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A road section of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi (Ngansat-Kyweshin Section) tarred road.

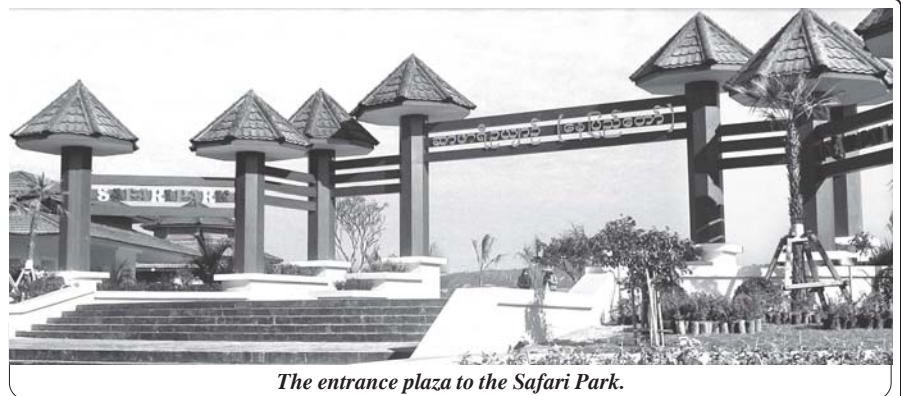
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Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) to be opened soon

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Photos: *Zin Bo Min (Kyemon)*

Myanmar will soon open its first-ever international level Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State on conservation of wildlife and habitats. The park is designed to serve as a public recreation centre, to help the people acquire knowledge about

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The entrance plaza to the Safari Park.

PERSPECTIVES

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Develop national outlook

Science and technology is advancing day by day. Global nations are striving their utmost to develop themselves, enlisting the combined strength of financial, natural and human resources.

In endeavouring for national development, only the self-reliance can guarantee long-term development. To do so, the intellectuals and intelligentsia and the people are required to work together in harmony. Only after overcoming the challenges of the new era, can prospects for development be grabbed.

The Myanmar society has existed with good education foundations for many years. Turning out experts in various fields enables the State and the people to catch up with the international community.

The teacher role is important for creating a constant learning society in accord with the Myanmar education goal. The youth of new generation need training not only to be educated but also to have good discipline, outlooks and habits. It is also necessary to inculcate patriotic spirit and Union Spirit in them.

While striving for emergence of human resources, the government is making plans for sharpening the skills of teachers. So, training courses are being conducted in order that teachers can take part in the efforts for socio-economic progress of the people, national development tasks and nation-building tasks.

All teachers are giving out educational knowledge for a promising future of the new generation. Therefore, more educated young people will emerge only through the effort of noble teachers with national outlook.

Seminar on Hepatitis held in Mandalay

YANGON, 15 Jan — A seminar to disseminate latest findings and treatments for Hepatitis was held in Yadanabon Hall of Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay) this morning, with the attendance of specialists from MMA and medical students.

Professor Dr Aung Gyi of Medicines Department of Mandalay General Hospital and General Manager Dr Aung Khine Than of Fortune Int'l Limited extended greetings.

Professors Dr Than Sit discussed "Future Therapy of Hepatitis C" and Professor Dr Mya Mya Yi of Hepatitis Medicines Department of MGH, "Future Therapy of Hepatitis B, Unresolved Issues and Remaining Challenges".

Officials answered queries raised by the specialists.

The seminar was jointly organized by Unico Overseas Development Limited (Hong Kong) and Fortune Int'l Limited (Myanmar).—MNA

People's Desk

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

Regional development tasks of Shwebo, Katha Districts inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin oversaw construction of Taungchaung Bridge and approach road in Kanbalu Township, new school building for BEHS in Koetaungboth village, road works and tasks for beautifying and greening of Koetaungboth railway station on 6 January.

Next, the commander looked into progress of Shwebo-Myitkyina Road (Katha District road section), Katha-Inndaw-Nantseeaung Road which is under construction and power supply work in Nabah village in Inndaw Township.

On 10 January, the commander gave instructions on preparations for offering gold foils to Kaunghmutaw Pagoda in Sagaing and renovation works in the precinct of the pagoda.—MNA

Myanmar Fisheries Federation meets



Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than and Minister U Maung Maung Thein and MFF President Wunna Kyawhtin U Htay Myint formally open 12th annual meeting of Myanmar Fisheries Federation.—MNA

YANGON, 15 Jan—The 12th annual meeting of Myanmar Fisheries Federation under Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries took place at the federation on Bayintnaung Street, Insein Township, here, this morning, with addresses by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein.

The commander, the minister and President of the federation Wunna Kyaw Htin U Htay Myint formally opened the meeting and viewed booths

on fishery industry. They then addressed the annual meeting.

The commander then awarded the two children of members of the federation who won five distinctions and four distinctions respectively in 2010 matriculation exam.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspected repair of Buddha Tooth Relics Pagoda Road and all-round renovation of Buddha Tooth Relics Pagoda in Mayangon Township.—MNA

Star Resources holds educative talk

YANGON, 15 Jan—Star Resources hospitality management training school conducted an educative talk at Traders Hotel here today.

Principal of London Hotel School College, England Mr Rod Hardingham gave talks on Qualify to Work Internationally with International Qualification.

London Hotel School College is at full service for trainees wishing to get BA Hons (Hotel Management-



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UK). Those interested in Business Management can do MBA programme course after attending

Diploma in Management Studies for one year.

For more information, contact Star

Resources Hospitality Management Academy (Ph: 523623, 523200 and 09-5020302).—MNA



An Afghan municipality worker sweeps the site of a suicide bomb attack in Kabul on 12 Jan, 2011. A suicide bomber on a motorbike killed two people and wounded more than 35 near the Afghan parliament on Wednesday, officials said, the third bomb attack in the capital Kabul in less than a month.—INTERNET

Death toll from Indian stampede attains 109

VANDIPERIYAR, 15 Jan—The death toll from the tragic stampede Friday evening in Idukki District of the southern Indian state of Kerala has attained 109, while 50 others were injured, seven of them seriously, said a shrine spokesman.

“At least 109 pilgrims were dead and 12, some of them children, were still missing,” Sabarimala religious shrine spok-

esperson Rahul Easwar told *Xinhua*.

Till now 39 victims have been identified. One of the victims has been identified as a Sri Lankan citizen.

The tragedy happened barely two hours after lakhs of devotees witnessed the Makar

Jyoti (divine light) on the occasion of the harvest festival of Makar Sankranti.

According to police, an autorickshaw ran over some people followed by a stampede due to which the casualties reached 109.

Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills seven in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Jan—Militants detonated a roadside bomb that killed seven civilians they had released only moments earlier following a brief detention on a highway in southern Afghanistan Friday, a local official said.

The seven, all taxi drivers, had been travelling on a road between the districts of Daichopan and Arghandab in the troubled Province of Zabul when they were stopped by a group of militants, said Mohammad Jan Rasooly, spokesman for the provincial governor.

After being briefly detained, the men managed to negotiate their release. But as they drove away, the militants detonated a roadside bomb by remote control, killing all seven, Rasooly said.

The spokesman said that none of the seven worked for the authorities. The Taliban often target Afghan civilians who work for the government or with foreign military or civilian organizations.

However, Rasooly said he believed they were killed to intimidate civilians and show area residents not to use that road, which he said the Taliban use to plant roadside bombs against NATO forces and the Afghan army.

The volatile Province of Zabul lies just north of Kandahar, a traditional Taliban stronghold which along with neighboring Helmand has been the focus of much of the fighting in recent months.

Internet

20 NATO fuel tankers torched in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 Jan—Unidentified armed men in southwestern Pakistan attacked tankers supplying oil to foreign troops in neighbouring Afghanistan, police said Saturday.

A group of gunmen opened fire on the tankers when the drivers were having dinner on roadside restaurants near Dera Murad Jamali in Balochistan Province late Friday night, drivers said.

Ten tankers caught fire which later engulfed ten more tankers due to

the late arrival of fire fighters, they said.

Witnesses said that the flames spread to a nearby restaurant and a tyre shop. No one was hurt as the drivers and cleaners were out of the tankers at the time of the attack.

Drivers said that the gunmen had also been firing from time to time, which disrupted the efforts of the fire tenders to extinguish the blaze. They alleged that the police arrived at the scene very late.

Xinhua



Pakistani police officials stand beside the wreckage of a police van after a roadside bomb in the garrison town of Bannu on 13 January.—INTERNET

US Marine kills Afghan police officer

KABUL, 15 Jan—A US Marine shot at and killed an Afghan police officer in Helmand province with Lashkar Gah as its capital, 555 km south of Kabul on Saturday, a statement of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) released here said.

“According to initial reporting, an Afghan Uniformed Police officer and a US Marine had a dispute while conducting static security operations at a patrol base in Sangin District,” the statement added. “The individual failed to comply with the instructions and the Marine fired two rounds which resulted in the Afghan Uniformed Police member’s death,” the alliance in the statement confirmed.

However, the statement asserted that, “The International Security Assistance Force is investigating the shooting in Helmand Province today that led to the death of an Afghan Uniformed Police officer.”—*Xinhua*



Pakistani onlookers watch a burning NATO oil tanker near Jamrud in Khyber tribal District in December, 2010. —INTERNET

Weeks of rains leave 47 dead in Philippines



A passenger jeepney traverses a flooded road in the town of Sto Domingo, Albay Province, southeast of Manila, last month.—INTERNET

MANILA, 15 Jan—More than two weeks of heavy rains have left at least 47 people dead from flash floods and landslides in the Philippines, according to the government.

Monsoon rains have battered parts of the country since 29 December, with more thunderstorms still forecast for these areas, the government weather station said.

The death toll from the rain has risen to 47 due to drownings or burial by landslides, while four more people remain missing, said the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

Internet

Australia flood warnings spread, Brisbane mops up



Emergency workers walk past debris in front of a flood damaged restaurant in the town of Ipswich, 40 km (25 miles) south west of Brisbane, on 14 January, 2011.—INTERNET

BRISBANE, 15 Jan— Heavy rain prompted new flood warnings in Australia even as thousands of volunteers cleaned up the gooey mess coating homes and streets in its third-largest city Saturday.

Four states had flood warnings due to overflowing rivers and rain, while Queensland worked to recover from its deadly, weekslong disaster. Large parts of the vast state are still under water and some places are still on alert for flooding.

In Brisbane, the water that swamped entire neighborhoods has mostly receded, leaving behind a thick, putrid sludge.—*Internet*

Science

Malaysia plans sanctuary for captive tigers



A Malayan Tiger takes a dip at the National Zoo in Kuala Lumpur in 2010.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Jan—Malaysia plans to set up a large enclosed natural habitat for captive tigers, a senior wildlife official said Friday, an ambitious proposal that has raised concerns among conservationists.

The authorities say the reserve will provide a good home for tigers rescued from poor living conditions, but campaigners argue the focus should be on protecting the animals in the wild.

"It is still at the preliminary stage. It will be an enclosed area big enough for the big cats to roam," a wildlife and national parks department official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

"Tigers in the park will be fed and it will be a tourist attraction."

A final decision on the programme, which will be located in peninsular Malaysia, will be made by the end of the

year, the official said.

The plan was prompted by the discovery of 27 captive tigers living in poor conditions in a zoo in southern Malacca state, the official said.

He played down fears of poachers raiding the tiger park, saying it would be "enclosed and guarded." But William Schaedla, regional director of TRAFFIC Southeast Asia, which monitors trade in wildlife, urged the authorities to concentrate on battling poaching rather than breeding tigers.—*Internet*

Climate cost even greater than feared

MADRID, 15 Jan—British economist Nicholas Stern said the price of fighting climate change is now higher than he estimated in a 2006 study that earned him a 400,000-euro (530,000) Spanish award on Friday.

Stern won the BBVA Foundation award for measuring the economic cost of climate change, notably in his 2006 Stern Review which found it made more economic sense to combat climate change than to do nothing.

The economist's "advanced economic



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Even blindfolded, dolphins are masters of imitation

MIAMI, 15 Jan—Even blindfolded, a 7-year-old bottlenose dolphin named Tanner was able to mimic another dolphin's behaviour—proof, according to Florida researchers, that dolphins are masters of imitation second only to humans.

When his sight was blocked, Tanner used other senses to figure out what the other dolphin was doing and copy it, the researchers at the Dolphin Research Centre in the Florida Keys said in a study published in the *International Journal of Comparative Psychology*.

Researchers at the non-profit centre hope to conduct further studies to "map the dolphin mind" in order to learn more about the evolution of human cognition.



A wild dolphin swims in the ocean near Mikura island, 200km south of Tokyo, on 3 August, 2008.

INTERNET

"Looking at an animal (which is) so far removed from us and yet shares some cognitive abilities, tells us something about us," said Dr Kelly Jaakkola, the centre's research director.

Reuters

analysis" quantified the impacts of climate change and provided "a unique and robust basis" for decision-making, said the jury in the Frontiers of Science Award.

It "fundamentally changed the international climate change debate and stimulated action," the jury said in a statement.

The Stern Review found world economic growth would contract by at least 20 percent if no action is taken, while a switch to a low-emissions economy would cost about one percent of global output a year.

Informed of the award on the eve of the announcement, Stern said he would revise the figures in his study if he was writing it now, according to statement by the BBVA Foundation.—*Internet*

Technology

107 trillion emails sent last year

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan—Internet users sent a total of 107 trillion emails last year, most of them spam, according to a Web monitoring service.

The number of emails sent last year were among the facts and figures about the Internet gathered by Pingdom from various sources and published Thursday at royal.pingdom.com/2011/01/12/internet-2010-in-numbers/.

Pingdom said that as of June 2010, there were 1.97 billion Internet users: 825.1 million in Asia, 475.1 million in Europe, 266.2 million in North America, 204.7 million in Latin America and the Caribbean, 110.9 million in Africa, 63.2 million in the Middle East and 21.3 million in Oceania and Australia.

Pingdom said an average of 294 billion email messages were sent per day and about 89 percent were spam.

It said there are 2.9 billion email accounts worldwide and 152 million blogs. The total number of websites is 255 million, Pingdom said, up 21.4 million over the previous year.

It said there were 88.8 million .com domain names, 13.2 million .net domain names, 8.6 million .org domain names and 79.2 million country code domains such as .cn or .uk.

Internet

A woman looks at her email on a computer screen in Washington 2010. Internet users sent a total of 107 trillion emails last year, most of them spam, according to a Web monitoring service.—INTERNET



Mobile app takes on India's cheating tuk-tuk drivers

NEW DELHI, 15 Jan—It could spell the end for cheating autorickshaw drivers in India, the scourge of commuters and foreign tourists alike.

An Indian company has developed a mobile phone application that allows consumers to calculate what fare they should pay for a journey rather than the often inflated amount demanded by drivers.

MindHelix Technologies, a software company



An auto rickshaw driver waits in a queue for his turn to get a refill with Compressed Natural Gas outside a gas station in New Delhi. An Indian company has developed a mobile phone application that allows consumers to calculate what fare they should pay for a journey rather than the often inflated amount demanded by drivers.—INTERNET

based in the southern Indian state of Kerala, has launched its TukTuk Meter application that uses Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to calculate routes and their costs. In

India and other Asian countries, hiring an auto rickshaw or tuk-tuk for a short ride often leads to an exasperating argument over the price.

Meters are routinely

tampered with to show higher rates per kilometre (mile) or are said to be broken, with foreign tourists in particular charged exorbitant prices at the end of their trip.—*Internet*

Russia to sell new tourist rides to space in 2013

MOSCOW, 15 Jan—Russia will start selling multimillion-dollar tourist tickets to the *International Space Station* again in 2013 after a four-year hiatus, the US-based firm that organizes the paid trips said on Thursday.

Virginia-based Space Adventures has had no seats to sell for the zero-gravity voyage since flying billionaire Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte to space in October 2009.

Internet



International Space Station (ISS) crew member European Space Agency Astronaut Paolo Nespoli of Italy takes part in a training session for controlling Soyuz spacecraft at the Star City space centre outside Moscow 13 November, 2010.—INTERNET

Health

Scientists make chickens that don't spread bird flu



European scientists have found a way to genetically modify chickens so that they don't transmit bird flu, according to research published Thursday in the journal *Science*.—INTERNET

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Bird flu, also known as H5N1 avian influenza, usually afflicts poultry but can cross over to humans and cause lethal respiratory problems and other complications.

The first cases detected in humans were in Hong Kong in 1997. A wider global outbreak took hold in 2004 and cases have flared across parts of the world ever since.

Scientists from the Universities of Cambridge and Edinburgh said the modified chickens could get bird flu but

could not pass it on to other chickens. "Chickens are potential bridging hosts that can enable new strains of flu to be transmitted to humans," said Laurence Tiley, of the University of Cambridge's Department of Veterinary Medicine.

"Preventing virus transmission in chickens should reduce the economic impact of the disease and reduce the risk posed to people exposed to the infected birds."

Internet

H1N1 vaccine is pictured at

Virchow clinical center on

26, Oct. 2009 in Berlin,

Germany.—INTERNET



Thirdhand smoke may be even bigger hazard

HAIFA, 15 Jan— "Thirdhand smoke," the remains of cigarette smoke that clings to surfaces, may be a bigger health hazard than previously thought, a researcher in Israel warns.

Study leader Yael Dubowski of Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel, says thirdhand smoke can lead to the

formation of contaminants on surfaces — carpeting, clothing, furniture and other surfaces and pose a hazard to a baby crawling on the carpet, a person napping on the sofa or someone eating food tainted by thirdhand smoke.

Dubowski and colleagues studied interactions between

nicotine and indoor air on a variety of different materials including cellulose, cotton and paper to simulate typical indoor surfaces.

They found nicotine can interact with ozone in indoor air to form potentially toxic pollutants that get deposited on these surfaces.

Internet

Health Tip: Get fit for golf

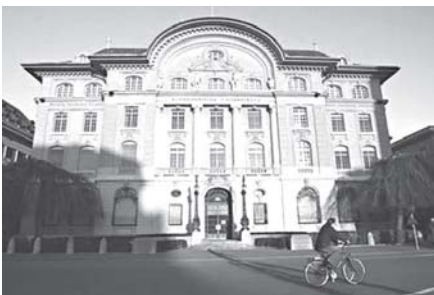
Even when playing golf, you can injure your elbow, spine, knee, wrist or hip if you don't warm up before you take the first swing.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons suggests these exercises:

- Grab a tennis ball and squeeze it for five minutes to exercise the muscles in your forearm.
- Do some wrist curls with a light dumbbell, bringing the dumbbell down to the fingertips, then lifting it to the palm. Then lift the weight another inch or two by curling the wrist. Repeat 10 times for each arm.
- Put your palms down flat in front of you, and use your wrist to move a dumbbell up and down. Do this 10 times for each arm, being sure to support the arm with the other hand at about your elbow.
- Use rubber tubing tied around an object at shoulder height. Pull the tubing to your chest, then extend your arms. Repeat 10 times for each arm.
- Using the rubber tubing again, kneel down and pull the tubing from over your head down to your chest as you bend your elbows, then release. Repeat 10 times.—Internet

Business

Swiss National Bank estimates 2010 loss at 21 b francs



Swiss National Bank headquarters in Bern. INTERNET

BERN, 15 Jan—The Swiss National Bank on Friday said it expects its loss in 2010 to reach 21 billion Swiss francs, as the country's strengthening currency pared down the bank's foreign currency holdings.

"The sharp rise in the value of the Swiss franc, particularly against the

euro and the US dollar, has resulted in a loss of some 26 billion Swiss francs (\$26.8 billion, 20.3 billion euros) on the foreign currency positions of the Swiss National Bank for the 2010 financial year," it said in a statement.

That was partly mitigated by gains in the central bank's gold

holdings, which are expected to post an estimated profit of just under 6 billion francs for the year.

The central bank however added that despite the expected losses, its capital base "continues to be robust, also by comparison with other central banks."

The Swiss franc has gained about 12 percent against the euro compared to a year ago, and more than five percent against the dollar, to the dismay of exporters who are seeing their profits squeezed.

The Swiss central bank had sought early on to halt the franc's gain by spending billions to buy up euros last year and before.

Internet

Delta mulls massive aircraft purchase

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan—Delta Airlines is moving to replace 200 aging aircraft, according to an internal memo, in what could spell the world's largest plane order. The US airline has approached manufacturers with a view to buying "100 to 200 firm aircraft" with an "option for 200 more" from early 2013, according to a memo posted on Delta's intranet Thursday and received by AFP Friday.

If all planes were bought from the same supplier it would be the largest aircraft purchase in history, surpassing an IndiGo order of 180 planes from Airbus, which was announced this week. "Several major aircraft manufacturers" were approached in December, according to the document, as Delta tries to replace 200 narrow-bodied jets, including the Airbus A320, the DC9-50 and the Boeing 757-200.—Internet



File photo shows travellers check-in at a Delta Air Lines counter at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle. INTERNET

Google gains ground in US search market

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Jan—Market-tracker comScore reported on Friday that Google finished 2010 strong, handling 66 percent of US online queries.

Factoring in outside websites with search "powered by" by the California Internet titan, its share of the market climbed even higher, with 69.4 percent of US searches getting "organic" results from Google. Microsoft's Bing search engine increased its share of the US market slightly to 12 percent, while AOL, Ask, and Yahoo! each lost ground with 1.9, 3.5, and 16 percent respectively, according to comScore.—Internet

Rescuers struggle as Brazil flood deaths rise



A destroyed house is seen after a landslide in Teresopolis 13 January, 2011. INTERNET

TERESOPOLIS, 15 Jan—Rescuers uncovered more corpses buried under mud and wrecked homes in southeastern Brazil on Friday as the death toll from torrential rains and massive floods hit 540 people and looked certain to climb.

Rivers of mud tore through towns this week in the mountainous Serrana region outside Rio de Janeiro, leveling houses, throwing cars

atop buildings and leaving more than 13,500 people seeking shelter and aid.

It was Brazil's deadliest natural disaster since 785 people were killed in floods in 1967, a local newspaper reported.

The extent of the damage exposed major flaws in emergency planning and disaster prevention in a country that aspires to attain

developed-nation status in coming years.

It also highlighted the huge challenges that new President Dilma Rousseff faces as she strives to upgrade Brazil's creaking infrastructure before it hosts soccer's World Cup in 2014 and the Olympics two years later.

Reuters

Somalis flee drought zones after rebels block aid

MOGADISHU, 15 Jan—Thousands of rural Somalis are camping within earshot of fighting in the capital Mogadishu after militants prevented aid groups from helping them survive a drought.

Al Shabaab rebels, who profess loyalty to al Qaeda, have forced a number of aid groups, including the United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP) to cease operations in parts of the country, parched by the failure of recent rains.

Medics in Mogadishu, where there are daily gunfights between the rebels and African Union peacekeepers protecting the Western-backed government, said they were seeing a growing number of dysentery, diarrhea and malnourishment cases.

"We receive hundreds of children and mothers sick with drought-related diseases every day," Abdirizak, a doctor at Mogadishu's Banadir Hospital told Reuters.—Reuters

Envoys to tour two key Iranian nuclear facilities

TEHERAN, 15 Jan—Seven international envoys are getting a look inside two key Iranian nuclear sites in a tour that Teheran hopes will build support ahead of more talks on its disputed atomic work.

In a blow to the effort, key powers Russia, China and the European Union refused the invitation. The EU said it should be up to inspectors from the UN atomic agency to verify whether Iran's programme is entirely peaceful. The United States was not invited. The US and some of its allies accuse Iran of seeking nuclear weapons, a charge Iran denies. On the tour are envoys from Egypt, Cuba, Syria, Algeria, Venezuela, Oman and the Arab League.—Internet

Disease threat for Sri Lanka flood victims

BATTICALOA, 15 Jan— The threat of disease is looming over the million-plus victims of floods in Sri Lanka that have left more than 30 people dead and devastated farmland in the island's rice bowl.

Disaster Management Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said medical units had been rushed to the central and eastern regions, where hundreds of thousands have been forced to take shelter in cramped, state-run relief camps.

"We are very conscious of the fact that there can be water-borne diseases and we brought medical staff from other areas to help out," Amaraweera told AFP. "There are no reports of diarrhoea, but we are taking precautions."

More than one million people were initially displaced in the flooding triggered by unusually heavy monsoon rains in the past week.

The state Disaster Management Centre said 32 people had been officially confirmed dead, with another 12 missing.

UN agencies in Colombo said that providing relief for those in the worst affected areas was a serious



Flood-affected Sri Lankans line up for food at a relief camp in the eastern town of Batticaloa. Sri Lanka's minority Tamils would normally celebrate their annual harvest festival Saturday, but instead they are struggling to survive the worst flooding in living memory.—INTERNET

challenge, and that they would shortly issue an international appeal for funding.—Internet



Photo taken on 14 Jan, 2011 shows a sanitation worker in Jiayin County of Yichun city, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. Affected by strong cold air, temperature in Jiayin County declined to minus 45 degree Celsius, a new historical record, bringing trouble to people's daily life.—XINHUA

12 suspects, two soldiers die in Mexico gunbattle

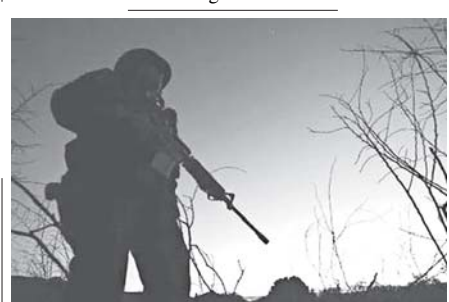
VERACRUZ, 15 Jan—Twelve suspected drug cartel gunmen and two soldiers were killed in a nearly six-hour gun-battle in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz, authorities reported Friday. About 100 soldiers, marines and police located a drug gang safe house in the state capital of Xalapa and surrounded it late Thursday, said Veracruz state Public Safety Secretary Sergio Lopez Esquer.

The gunmen resisted fiercely and a standoff ensued, with authorities firing tear gas into the house and exchanging fire with those inside.

Other gunmen shot up homes and cars in surrounding neighbourhoods, apparently to try to draw soldiers away from the safe house.

Security forces finally stormed the house early Friday and seized grenades, ammunition and vehicles, army Gen Rene Aguilar Paez said. There were no arrests.

The soldiers were responding to tips about armed men travelling in convoys of sport utility vehicles in the area — a hallmark of Mexico's drug gangs. There was no immediate information on which cartel is suspected to have been involved.



A soldier stands guard at a crime scene where the body of an unidentified man was found in San Sebastian Tutla on the outskirts of Oaxaca 14 January, 2011.—INTERNET

Officials reported this week that 34,612 people have died in drug-related killings across Mexico in the four years since President Felipe Calderon declared an offensive against drug cartels.—Internet

Eight militants killed in Afghanistan's Wardak Province

KABUL, 15 Jan—Afghan and NATO-led forces eliminated eight Taliban militants during search operation in Afghanistan's Wardak Province, 35 km west of capital Kabul, a statement of provincial administration received here Saturday said.

"Afghan and international forces conducted a search operation in Nurkh District Friday night but the targeted militants encountered the joint forces and the troops returned fire killing eight militants including a local commander namely Mohammad Gul," the statement added.

"No member of the joint forces was harmed during the operation," it further said.

Taliban militants, who speed up their assaults against Afghan and NATO-led forces, have yet to make comments.

Xinhua

Mitsubishi Motors to target Brazil, India

TOKYO, 15 Jan—Mitsubishi Motors will streamline production in Japan, the United States and Europe while increasing output in emerging markets including Brazil and India, according to a new report.

By redistributing resources, the automaker aims to lift global production to 1.5 million units, up 50 percent from the year to March 2010, the *Nikkei business daily* said.

In the United States, Japan's fourth-largest automaker will stop production of three models designed only for the North



This file photo shows a production line at a Mitsubishi Motors plant. Mitsubishi Motors will streamline production in Japan, the United States and Europe while increasing output in emerging markets including Brazil and India, according to a new report.—INTERNET

American market, such as the Eclipse, now manufactured at a plant in Illinois.

But the company will increase output of such models as the Outlander sports utility vehicle that can be sold in other foreign markets, the *Nikkei* said.

In Europe, it will stop production of the Colt subcompact model next

year, while the firm also plans to reduce or freeze production of certain models at Japanese plants.

Meanwhile, the Japanese automaker will invest in Brazil to boost local production, while preparing to start output from India by investing in a local partner, the *Nikkei* said.

It is also exploring a joint venture in India with France's PSA Peugeot Citroen.

Mitsubishi Motors aims to manufacture low-priced vehicles based on minicars jointly developed with Nissan Motor Co.

Reuters

Snow, rain to continue in southwest China over next three days

BEIJING, 15 Jan—Most parts of southwest China will experience snow or rain over the next three days, as the cold wave continues, the National Meteorological Centre forecast Saturday.

Medium-to-heavy snowfalls will hit most parts of Tibet Autonomous Region, southeastern areas of Qinghai Province, northeastern parts of Guizhou Province, and northern areas of Hunan Province.

The southeastern parts of Tibet and northwestern parts of Yunnan Province will have medium-to-heavy rains or snowfalls. Parts of Guizhou will have icy rain.

The cold snap will also bring temperature drops to the regions along Yellow and Huai rivers and further south Saturday. Temperatures in the region will drop 3 to 6 degrees Celsius or 8 to 10 degrees Celsius in some areas.

Xinhua

Man held in California school threat had weapons cache

LA MESA, 15 Jan—Police found a cache of firearms at the house of a man they suspect of triggering a security scare at a San Diego-area high school on Friday when he called authorities to tell them he heard about a shooting there.

It was ultimately determined that no shooting occurred, but Helix High School in the San Diego suburb of La Mesa was placed under a security alert for roughly four hours after police in the neighbouring town of El Cajon received the anonymous call at about 8:20 am local time, police said.

The caller asked dispatchers about a shooting he said he had heard about at the high school but hung "when the dispatcher began asking probative questions," El Cajon police Lieutenant JD Arvan told *Reuters*.

While police were scrambled to the school in search of a possible threat, investigators traced the call back to a house in El Cajon, where they found the suspected caller and a number of handguns and rifles in "plain view," Arvan said. "During our investigation, we became concerned for his mental stability," and the man was placed in

custody. He has since been referred for a psychological evaluation.

No criminal charges were immediately filed, but police asked for a warrant to thoroughly search the house, where he apparently lived alone, Arvan said.

No information about his identity or occupation was provided, but La Mesa police Lieutenant Dan Willis said the suspect was in his 40s.

As police from both towns converged on the school, teachers were directed to keep students inside their classrooms, and access to the campus was closed.—*Internet*



A fox passes through cars in downtown Berlin, Germany, on 14 Jan, 2011. Foxes show up in urban areas of Berlin, Zurich, London and some other big cities recent years.

XINHUA

Three wounded in shooting spree in southern Norwegian city

OSLO, 15 Jan—Three persons were wounded Friday when they were shot by an unidentified gunman in the southern Norwegian city of Sandefjord, the Norwegian news agency *NTB* reported.

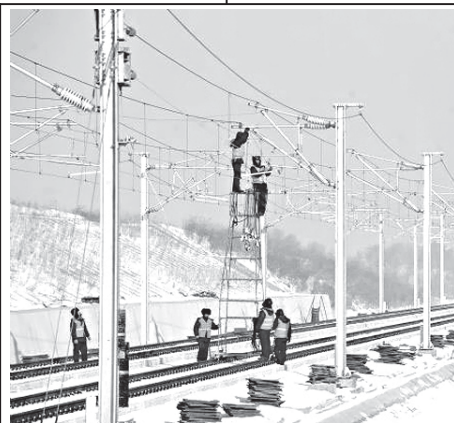
A woman was shot in the head and chest while her husband was shot in the back, said police. The two were rushed to Ullevaal Hospital in Oslo and their

condition was critical.

The third victim, a man who was shot in the chest, was hospitalized in Tonsberg in stable condition.

Police trying to track down the perpetrator closed the gate to a school near the shooting scene and told students to remain inside.

Xinhua



People work in cold weather in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 14 Jan, 2011. Workers of China Railway Electrification Bureau accelerated their work to set up power supply and signal transmission system for the Harbin-Dalian high speed railway which would be put into service at the end of 2011.—XINHUA

US company recalls chew bars due to high lead levels

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan—A US company on Friday ordered a recall of chew bars which contain elevated levels of lead.

The recall was initiated after a recent test by the California Department of Public Health showed that the recalled product's lead levels are above the national standard, said the Indiana-based company called Circle City Marketing and Distributing.

The chew bars contain lead levels of 0.24 parts per million (ppm), higher than the 0.1 ppm set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said the company.

The company said that out of an abundance of caution, it has determined

to recall all lots and all flavors of the product distributed from the product's inception in 2007 through January 2011.

The recalled product was sold in several brands, with each chew bar having a net weight of 0.7 ounce or 20 grams, according to the company.

The Pakistan-made candy called Toxic Waste Nuclear Sludge Chew Bars was distributed nationwide in retail stores and through mail orders, the company said.

Elevated levels of lead potentially could cause health problems, particularly for infants, small children, and pregnant women.

Xinhua

Citizens do Spring Festival purchase in a market in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 14 Jan, 2011. People started to prepare for the upcoming Chinese Lunar New Year.

XINHUA



Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi tarred road, Kyweshin...

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It is the 252nd of bridges of 180 feet and above built by Ministry of Construction and the 14th in Mandalay Region.

Thanks to the bridge, local commodities can easily be transported to Mandalay Region, Magway Region, Rakhine State and Chin

State through Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi road, Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) road and other road networks, contributing to development of economic, social, health and education sectors of the region.

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Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister U Khin Maung Myint and deputy ministers formally open Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi (Ngansat-Kyweshin Section) tarred road.—MNA

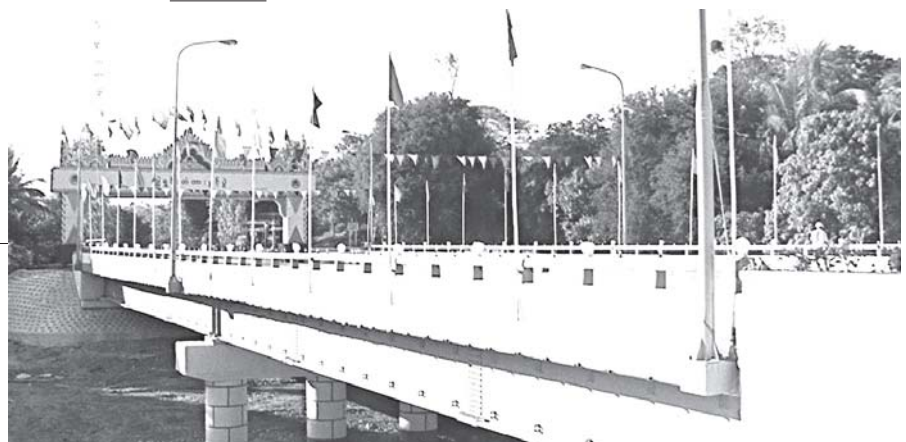


Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Minister Thura U Myint Maung, and deputy ministers cutting a ribbon to commission Kyweshin Bridge.

MNA

Kyweshin Bridge is the 252nd over-180-foot bridge constructed by Public Works of Ministry of Construction.

MNA



Deputy Construction Minister visits Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) Project

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe visited construction site (Pakokku bank) of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) on 13 January.

The deputy minister heard reports on progress in

construction of the bridge and inspected construction of bored piles. He also went to the construction site on Latpanchepaw side and inspected preparation for fixing trusses.—MNA

MCBF, MHA to hold Cane-ball Competition in NyaungU

YANGON, 15 Jan — Myanmar Cane-ball Federation and Myanmar Hoteliers Association will jointly organize MHA Chairman's Cup and MCBF Cup Myanmar Traditional Cane-ball Competition in

NyaungU of Mandalay Region from 16 to 20 February.

First prize is K 1.5m, second K 1m and third 0.5m for each event.

Teams of Bagan and NyaungU Townships will

be assisted with K 50,000 and of other Regions and States with K 0.1m in addition to accommodation costs.

Teams may enlist at MCBF (Aung San Stadium) not later than 10 February.

Those interested may contact MCBF General Secretary U Ye Aung (Ph: 09-2002688), Daw Khin Aye Mu (Mandalay Region Ph: 09-2165061), U Myo Thant (Prince Hotel Bagan/NyaungU Ph: 09-47105205 and 061-60411) and MCF (Ph: 01-393420).—MNA

WISE to open Research Method and Techniques Course

YANGON, 15 Jan — WISE International School for Executive will conduct 10-day Course Research Method and Techniques for Certificate in Research Methodology for Business starting on 21 January.

The course focuses on effectual usage of research & development method techniques, for they are helpful in business, enterprise, marketing, advertising, promotion and survey.

One may enroll the course with the fee of K 50,000 (40 per cent off for members). For enquiry, those interested may contact WISE International School for Executive at No (1009), 10th floor, Yuzana Tower, junction of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Shwegondine Road, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-556183 and 09-5157032).—MNA

Commander, Deputy Health Minister encourage eye patients

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut together with Vice-Chairman of Bago Region PDC Brig-Gen Sein Myint and officials on 9 January inspected progress of construction of houses for war veterans in Nyaungwaing ward of Shwedaung Township.

Next, the commander accompanied by

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo attended the ceremony to provide free medical treatment to eye patients at People's Hospital in Shwedaung.

The commander and the deputy minister spoke on the occasion.

An official gave accounts of performing eye surgery, and an eye patient and a local spoke words of thanks.

Next, the commander and the deputy health minister cordially

greeted patients with eye complaint.

At local battalion in Okshitpin Township, the commander looked into agricultural and breeding works of the battalion and spoke words of encouragement to family members. On his arrival at local battalion in Tituk village, the commander oversaw agricultural and breeding works of the battalion. On 11 January, the commander observed paddy growing at the farmland of a local in Ngarywa village-tract in Pyay Township. — MNA

New concrete roads put into service

YANGON, 15 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin formally opened Yekyaw concrete road in No 7/9 Ward, Pazundaung Township here this morning.

The mayor then attended the opening of a library, 2-inch diameter tube well, 800-gallon capacity brick tank, garden and circular concrete road in Pazundaung Garden Complex in No.7 Ward.

He also opened concrete roads in No.6 and No. 7 wards and inspected the roads. He then inspected concreting of the road section from Banya Dalla Junction to Thamein Bayan Junction and upgrading of Tooth Relics Pagoda circular road in Mayangon Township.—MNA

Myanmar, Cambodia discuss cooperation in tourism industry

YANGON, 15 Jan— At the invitation of Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, an 8-member delegation headed by Secretary Mr Takreth Samrach of Office of the Council of Ministers of Cambodia visited Myanmar from 10 to 14 January.

The delegation arrived at Yangon on 10 January and visited tourist destinations in Bagan, Mandalay and Yangon on 11 and 12 January. At Chatrium Hotel on 13 January, the Cambodian delegation and Myanmar delegation discussed bilateral cooperation in non-

smoke industry and flying direct flight between the two countries.

Myanmar delegation comprises directors-general of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and Department for Civil Aviation, personnel of Directorate of Telecommunications and Myanmar Airways International, chairmen of Myanmar Tourism Industrialists Association, Myanmar Hoteliers

Association, and market promotion committees, and vice-president of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and was headed by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu and Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung.

The Cambodian delegation went back home on 14 yesterday morning.—MNA

Meeting between delegation headed by Secretary Mr Takreth Samrach of Office of the Council of Ministers of Cambodia and Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Ministers U Aye Myint Kyu and U Nyan Tun Aung in progress at Chatrium Hotel.—MNA



Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw)...

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animals and plants growing in natural conditions, to keep endangered species of animals from inside and around the world, and to enable the people to learn the natural ecology.

Close to the park are the Planetarium and the Aquarium. Head of the park U Aung Kyaw Tun said to the Kyemon that animals were kept in natural conditions as an

open zoo in order that visitors felt as though they were in an African forest; that there would soon be 202 animals of 16 rare species from some foreign countries such as kangaroos, giraffes, white rhinos, zebras, ostriches, goat deer, one-hump camels, lions, and African deer (impala).

In the Asian booth are eight mythums, 30 samburs, 30 golden deers, and 50 small deers, totaling

118 animals inhabiting in natural conditions. If a visitor leaves behind the Asian Safari booth, he will reach Australian Safari booth with an area of 3.53 acres with six kangaroos and 10 small kangaroos from the Netherlands.

After the Australian Safari booth, the African Safari booth is the largest with an area of 59.64 acres, serving natural habitats for six camels, eight African deer, six goat deer, six lions, 10 tigers, six white rhinos, 10 ostriches, six giraffes,

six zebras and four ponies, altogether 68 animals.

In order that the open zoo is like a safari park, man-made caves, woodland and small lakes are set up in it. Booths are divided by fences. Tiger booth and lion booth are fenced twice. So, the booths of the beasts are surrounded by five fences; white rhinos, by four fences; and other animals, by three fences. Visitors can observe the animals by buggy. Only by specially-designed mini bus, can visitors observe tigers and lions.

An official said that zoo keepers had to keep a watchful eye on the animals of foreign species because they were foreign species; that if needed they were given health care by veterinarians; and that those foreign species animals were kept by selected zoo keepers.

Visitors can then visit the aquarium made up



An African zebra.

of 51 lakes and one 50,000-gallon-capacity lake in which altogether 1381 freshwater and saltwater fishes of 44 rare species will be on display.

Near the aquarium is a modern amusement park for kids. Vacant lands in the area of the Safari Park will be reforested with trees and landscaping trees and flowering plants. In addition, an orchid park is being built for public study. There is a road linking the area with the

National Landmark Park or National Races Village, to which visitors can go by buggy.

The Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) will soon be opened. So, the people are urged to visit the wildlife habitats to observe various species of animals including rare species of animals from foreign countries for relaxation and recreation.

Translation: MS Kyemon: 11-1-2011



Some one-hump camels.

Commander attends Commander's Shield Men's and Women's Volleyball Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo inspected Kali-Mongsan road construction on 7 January.

On 8 January, he presented cash assistance in meeting with officers and other ranks and their families at Loilem station hall, and inspected agriculture and breeding tasks.

He watched final

match of Eastern Commander's Shield Men's and Women's Volleyball Contest and attended its prize presentation ceremony on 10 January. He awarded the winners and champion team.

At Shan State meeting hall, he handed over the flag for victory to the team that will compete in Inter-State/Region Men's Football Tournament (open), and cordially greeted the players.—MNA

Industry-1 Ministry holds Maung Myanmar cycling contest

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Maung Myanmar cycling contest (male & female events) organized by Ministry of Industry-1 took place at the designated places here this morning.

Among the spectators were directors-general and managing-directors of the ministry, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw District Peace and Development Council and members and chairmen of township PDCs, officials of Myanmar Cycling Federation and enthusiasts.

The starting point of male event was from the stone monument at the junction in Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw District and finished at Myanma Gems Museum, totaling 37 miles whereas the female event started from Pyi San Aung Basic Education Middle School in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District and the destination was also at Myanma Gems Museum, totaling 20 miles.

The contest was followed by prize-presentation ceremony at the ministry. Director-General of Directorate of Industries U Win Myint awarded first, second and third prize winners in male Contest and so did Director-General of Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department U Soe Hline to winners of female event.—MNA

Transport Minister attends MMU fifth convocation

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—The fifth convocation ceremony of the University of Myanmar Maritime University was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at the hall of the convocation of the University this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Maritime University Council Minister for Transport U Thein Swe and Council members, the rector of the University and departmental heads, officials, faculty members, students and guests.

The minister presented certificates of honour to winners of RINA Fellowship Awards and International Fellowship Awards conferred by World Maritime University, Sweden and RINA Myanma Shipyard Award Gold Medal of Royal Institute of Naval Architects (UK), HPH Gold Medal of Hutchison Port Holding (Hong Kong) and subject-wise gold medals to students.

Next, the minister delivered a convocational speech.

After the ceremony, the minister observed the industrial booth of final students. Post-graduate diploma and degrees were conferred on 268 students by MMU at its fifth convocation ceremony.

MNA

Model long staple cotton plantation harvested

MYANAUNG, 15 Jan—The model Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation of farmer U Hla Tun in Plot

No. 220 in Myanaung Township was harvested on 28 December, attended by the chairman of the Township PDC,

the Township Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service, the Head of the Township Settlement and Land Records Department and farmers. The per acer yield of the model long staple cotton plantation is 836 viss.

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Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre

(from page 16) as well as collecting data of weather conditions in neighbouring regions in coming three to five days through high

performance computing system and analyzed comparing with current conditions and publishes announcements. The centre collects special

weather reports every hour from coastal meteorological stations in case of storm moving to Myanma Coast, predict its movement and publishes storm warning.

Hydrology Division has four units: Tide prediction section,



Assistant Director Daw Tin Yi of Hydrology Division explaining function of the division.

computer section, data collection section and hydrology lab. The division is responsible for monitoring hydrological stations collecting hydrological data from these stations, studying and analyzing them, publishing analyzed data and report. The division analyzes water levels and

floods of major rivers in Myanmar and publishes monthly and yearly reports.

Seismology Division is responsible for setting up seismology centres and equipping seismometers, collecting data the whole day, issuing earthquake warning, and tsunami warning, and carrying out tasks to reduce risks of earthquakes.

The Meteorology and Hydrology Department publishes timely weather forecasts through MRTV, MRTV-3, MRTV-4, dailies, Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio, City FM, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Cherry FM, auto-answering machines and other state-owned media so as to reach out to all strata of life. People may also visit www.dmh.gov.mm website of the department or call automatic-answering machine Ph: 067-411252 and 01-



An official of Seismology Division answering queries of Kyemon daily.

667766 to look for latest weather reports. The department requests the public not to believe rumors and unreliable news and asks them to dial 067-411251, 411253, 411250, 01-660176, 09-86-01162 for latest weather forecasts.

Translation: TKK Kyemon: 8-1-2011



Seismometers are at 24-hr standby operation to record earthquake and tsunami.



Chinese artist in France Li Zhongyao (L) signatures for a fan on a commemorative stamp for China's upcoming lunar new year, Year of the Rabbit, in Paris, capital of France, 14 Jan, 2011. The French postal department put on sale on Friday the commemorative stamp for China's Year of the Rabbit which is due to begin on 3 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

Cholera epidemic in Haiti begins to stabilize

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 15 Jan—The cholera epidemic in Haiti has begun to show signs of stabilizing, despite the fact it is now present in all the regions of this Caribbean country, the doctors in Haiti said Friday. "Well the situation right now is very optimistic, it is stabilizing, we see in many parts that the numbers are slowly diminishing, including for example in Port-au-Prince, but we have to be very very careful and continue monitoring the situation," Sylvain Groulx told *Xinhua* in Petion Ville.

According to him, the situation "is not perfect, but certainly we see that the number (of cases) is diminishing" as now there are not "the high numbers there were a few weeks ago."

"Every day people is coming in and need to be treated, however now instead of coming by hundreds of thousands per day they are now diminishing and they come between 50 or 60 people per day to be treated instead of 150 per day," he said.

Xinhua



A couple of tourists look at a vintage Mercedes Benz car at the Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo on 12 Jan, 2011. Sri Lanka's 2010 tourist arrivals rose 46 percent year-on-year as the Indian Ocean Island's post-war travel boom gathered speed, with December arrivals setting a new monthly record, data released on Tuesday showed.—INTERNET

Bulgarian helicopter crew kidnapped in Sudan

KHARTOUM, 15 Jan — Three Bulgarian helicopter aircrew working on a UN contract were kidnapped in Sudan's troubled Darfur region on Thursday, the United Nations and the Bulgarian foreign ministry said.

The trio, seized by unidentified gunmen, were reportedly well.

"A crew of three Bulgarian nationals, working for a Bulgarian airline company operating flights on a UN contract, were kidnapped in north Sudan," the foreign ministry said in Sofia.

UNAMID, the joint UN-African Union mission in Darfur, said the three were working on a World Food Programme (WFP) mission when seized at

Um-Shalaya southeast of El-Geneina in West Darfur.

"The incident occurred as the crew landed their helicopter at approximately 10:35 hrs and were subsequently met by unknown armed men," said a statement from UNAMID. It said no other details were

immediately available.

The three work for the UN Humanitarian Air Service, which is managed by the WFP.

Bulgarian foreign ministry spokeswoman Vesela Cherneva told national radio: "We have confirmed their identities but cannot disclose any details at this stage."

Internet



A picture released by the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) on 3 January shows a UN helicopter airlifting voting materials to Tali.—INTERNET

Toxic chemicals found in many US pregnant women

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan— A new study has found that many pregnant women in the United States have a number of potentially toxic or cancer-causing chemicals in their bodies.

In the study involving 268 women, researchers at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) analyzed data from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Study results show that almost all participants had detectable levels of eight types of chemicals in their blood or urine, including flame retardants and perchlorates found in rocket fuel.

Other chemicals

include pesticides, car exhaust pollution, PCBs (toxic industrial chemical banned in 1979), PFCs (used in non-stick cookware), and phthalates (used in many fragrances and plastics).

Some of the chemicals detected in the study have been linked to health problems in other studies, finds the study.

The findings were published on Friday by USA Today.

Many of these chemicals pass through the placenta and can concentrate in the fetus,

said lead author Tracey Woodruff, director of the UCSF's Programme on Reproductive Health and Environment.

Other researchers have found some of these chemicals in babies' umbilical cords, according to Woodruff.

She called on Congress to pass tougher environmental laws to reduce such exposure.

But the American Chemistry Council (ACC), an industry group, said the findings aren't a cause for concern.—*Xinhua*

Moderate beer drinking said health benefit

MADRID, 15 Jan—Moderate drinking of beer can cut the risk of diabetes and high blood pressure and even help people lose weight, Spanish doctors say.

Spanish researchers say combining ale or lager with exercise and a healthy Mediterranean diet high in fish, fruit and vegetables and olive oil can provide health benefits, Britain's *Daily Telegraph* reported Thursday.

Beer contains folic acid, vitamins, iron and calcium and offers the same health benefits already credited to moderate wine drinking, the researchers found. "Moderate beer consumption is associated with nutritional and health benefits," Dr Ramon Estruch, the lead researcher, said.

"It does not necessarily mean weight gain since it has no fat and calorie content is low."

He contrasted the culture of drinking small glasses of beer with healthy foods in Spain to binge drinking in Britain.

"Beer drinkers here do not resemble Britons, who drink large quantities, almost without moving from one spot, while eating chips and sausages," he said.—*Internet*

Japanese carmakers in push for hydrogen vehicles

TOKYO, 15 Jan—Japan's top three automakers Toyota, Honda and Nissan have united with Japanese energy firms in a push to commercialise greener hydrogen fuel cell cars and build a network of fuelling stations.

Along with 10 Japanese energy groups including natural gas refiners and distributors, the companies are aiming to build 100 filling stations by 2015 in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Fukuoka, the companies said in a statement Thursday.

The automakers are making a renewed push behind Fuel Cell Vehicles (FCVs), which convert hydrogen into electricity and emit nothing more harmful than water vapour.

The companies say that the

creation of a hydrogen supply infrastructure network is crucial as manufacturers work to reduce the production cost of hydrogen-powered vehicles in order to make them commercially viable.

"Japanese automakers are continuing to drastically reduce the cost of manufacturing such systems and are aiming to launch FCVs in the Japanese market — mainly in the country's four major metropolitan areas — in 2015," they said. "With an aim to significantly reduce the amount of CO₂ emitted by the transportation sector, automakers and hydrogen fuel suppliers will work together to expand the introduction of FCVs and develop the hydrogen supply network throughout Japan."—*Internet*



Nissan Motors' X-Trail Fuel Cell Vehicle, seen here in 2006. Toyota, Honda and Nissan, along with 10 Japanese energy groups including natural gas refiners and distributors, want to build 100 hydrogen filling stations by 2015 in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Fukuoka.

INTERNET

Roman rise and fall 'recorded in trees'

LONDON, 15 Jan — An extensive study of tree growth rings says there could be a link between the rise and fall of past civilizations and sudden shifts in Europe's climate. A team of researchers



The study offers a link between changes to the climate and the rise and fall of human societies.— INTERNET

based their findings on data from 9,000 wooden artifacts from the past 2,500 years. They found that periods of warm, wet summers coincided with prosperity, while political turmoil occurred during times of climate instability.

The findings have been published online by the journal Science. "Looking back on 2,500 years, there are examples where climate change impacted human history," co-author Ulf Buntgen, a paleoclimatologist at the Swiss Federal Research Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape, told the Science website.

Internet

Doctors amputate actress Zsa Zsa Gabor's right leg

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan—Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor's right leg, which was infected with gangrene, has been amputated in a life-saving surgery her doctors have deemed a success. She is in "frail health" and will be closely monitored in a Los Angeles hospital, Dr David Rigberg said.

Gabor was hospitalised on 2 January after attempts to save her leg with antibiotics proved unsuccessful. The 93-year-old has been admitted to hospital a number of times since breaking her hip in July.

"Ms Gabor needed an amputation above her knee due to poor circulation and a large ulcerated area on her right leg," said Dr Rigberg, an associate professor of vascular surgery

at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Centre in Los Angeles.

"The surgery today went well, however, she is in frail health so we will continue to monitor her closely," he said, adding that after consulting with Ms Gabor's husband, Frederic Prinz von Anhalt, he felt amputation was the best decision.— Internet



Doctors said Gabor is in "frail health" after having her right leg amputated.— INTERNET

Michigan man kills family, self

NOVI, 15 Jan—A Michigan man apparently killed his wife and two sons before killing himself in his vehicle with carbon monoxide fumes from a charcoal grill, police said. Police in Novi, Mich., went to the home of Mark and Jennifer Schons after their sons, Tynan, 6, and Camden, 4, did not show

up for school on Friday, The Detroit News reported.

Police discovered the bodies of Jennifer Schons and her sons in separate rooms. Novi Police Chief David Molloy would not disclose their cause of death but described the scene as "the act of a madman." A few hours later the Oakland County Sher-

iff's Office found Mark Schons' sport utility vehicle at a department store parking lot, where Schons had apparently lit the grill inside the vehicle and died.— Internet

Police officer gunned down in NJ

LAKEWOOD, 15 Jan—A young patrolman was gunned down on Friday when he pulled over to question a pedestrian in Lakewood, NJ, police said. Christopher Matlosz, 27, was shot three times at close range, the Asbury Park Press reported. Witnesses told police Matlosz, sitting in his patrol car, was talking to a young man who suddenly pulled out a handgun and began firing. Police were searching for a suspect identified as Jahmell W Crockam, 19. Ocean County Prosecutor Marlene Lynch Ford said the gunman fired three times, hitting Matlosz every time. Matlosz was pronounced dead just before 5 pm EST at Jersey Shore Medical Centre.— Internet

DPRK leader stresses importance of science and technology

PYONGYANG, 15 Jan—Kim Jong Il, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), stressed the significance of science and technology,

state media reported on Saturday.

According to the Rodong Sinmun newspaper, Kim Jong Il made the statement during his inspection of

the Amnokgang Gauge and Instrument General Factory, Suphung Bearing Factory and Amnokgang Daily Necessities Factory in North Phyongan Province.

He underscored the need for the introduction of the latest technology and technological innovation drive, noting that those who have a perfect mastery of science and technology can become conquerors in the future.

Kim called for updating the equipment to steadily boost production with locally available raw materials. He praised the workers for the great successes in the efforts to push back the frontiers of the latest science and technology and realize the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK).

MNA/Xinhua

Milky Way's dark-matter satellite in stargazers' sights

LONDON, 15 Jan—Scientists have proposed a means to track down the dark dwarf galaxies that should be orbiting the Milky Way, saying they have found evidence of one. Spiral galaxies like ours have these satellites, but some are made of "dark matter" that is impossible to see. The idea is

to look for tracks they leave in hydrogen gas at the galaxy's edge, like the wake behind a boat.

Observations based on the idea suggest the existence of a far-flung satellite galaxy weighing up to 10 billion Suns. Presenting her work at the American Astronomical Society meeting in Seattle, Sukanya Chakrabarti, from the University of California, Berkeley, said her method could solve a long-standing problem in cosmology.

Internet



The hydrogen gas in the farthest reaches of spiral galaxies may hold hints of dark-matter galaxies.— INTERNET

Man mows down 41 mailboxes

BUFFALO GROVE, 15 Jan—Police in the Chicago suburbs said a man who ran over 41 mailboxes told officers the first few were accidental and he kept going because he was "frustrated."

Buffalo Grove Cmdr Steve Husak said the license plate fell off the car

being driven by Jordan Weiman, 20, during his early morning rampage Tuesday and the plate was traced to the vehicle's owner, Weiman's sister, the Chicago Tribune reported on Friday.

Police said Weiman told them he hit the first few mailboxes accidentally and continued to mow down the items because he was frustrated. "I don't know what he was frustrated about," Husak said. Weiman is now facing 41 misdemeanor counts of knowingly damaging property.— Internet



Actors of Miao ethnic group perform dance at a plaza in Hong Kong, south China, on 14 Jan, 2011. The troupe from Bijie area of southwest China's Guizhou Province will hold five performance for Hong Kong residents to greet the upcoming Spring Festival.—XINHUA

Plymouth girl's attacker 'sadistic and evil'

LONDON, 15 Jan—The leader of a girl gang who burned a teenager with a cigarette and stamped on her face has been described as "sadistic" by a judge. Judge Francis Gilbert QC told 16-year-old Sabrina Barber he had never seen such "a sustained and savage assault". Her victim, Naomi Morrison, 17, was attacked by 10 girls for 90 minutes on Plymouth Hoe in December 2009.

Barber, from Plymouth, admitted grievous bodily harm with intent and was detained for five years.

Internet



Naomi Morrison said she thought her attackers were going to kill her.— INTERNET



A Sudanese artist paints during an art workshop organized by the Sudanese Plastic Artist General Union in Khartoum 13 January, 2011. Several artworks will be part of an exhibition at the Nile river which runs through North and South Sudan. The exhibition aims to promote peace in the region, according to the organizer.—INTERNET



Ignacio Cubilla Banos sits in front of his birthday cake during his 111th birthday celebration in his house in Havana 13 January, 2011. Banos, a former sugar factory worker who has 11 children, 40 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, celebrated his 111th birthday on Thursday.

Trapped burglars call police for help

Two would-be thieves called in their own crime to police in Germany after they could not escape from a broken-down elevator over the weekend, police said in a statement.

"This sounds really dumb," one of the thieves told police in Cologne over the elevator's emergency phone, "But I'm afraid that we wanted to break in and the elevator has gotten stuck."

When police arrived they found the two thieves aged 31 and

37 stuck in the elevator of an office building.

The thieves allegedly broke into the building and were attempting to reach a higher floor when the elevator became stuck, the police said.

They decided to phone for help when one thief injured his hand attempting to pry open the door.

Firemen eventually freed the men and they were arrested.

News Album

Credit Protection: Bouncer's cards stop knife blows

A wallet stuffed with 20 plastic cards and a stroke of luck saved a pub doorman in western Germany from serious injury during a knife attack.

A customer ejected from the pub in the city of Witten on Sunday stabbed its 31-year-old doorman four times in the chest with a knife, police said. But a fat wallet in the bouncer's breast pocket stopped the blade from piercing his body.

"The wallet and cards acted as a protective vest and prevented a more serious incident," chief inspector Volker Schuette told Reuters without naming the bouncer or attacker.

"Everyone at the police station checked their wallets and no one had 20 plastic cards," he said, adding that the doorman's wallet had a plethora of cards for video rental stores along with credit and bank cards.



This photo provided by Ripley's Believe It or Not shows a replica of Leonardo da Vinci's mural, "The Last Supper," made out of laundry lint by Laura Bell of Roscommon, Mich.

Woman recreates da Vinci's 'Last Supper' with lint

A northern Michigan woman has put her own spin on Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" by making a replica out of laundry lint.

Laura Bell of Roscommon collected lint from her dryer and fashioned it into a 14-foot-long, 4-foot tall reproduction of the Italian Renaissance painter's masterpiece.

Bell says she needed about 800 hours to do enough laundry to get the lint, and 200 hours to recreate the mural. She bought towels of the colours she wanted and laundered them separately to get the right shades of lint.

Her artwork has caught the eye of Ripley's Believe It or Not! The company plans to put it on display at one of its museums. Ripley's says it also has Last Supper replicas made from a grain of rice, a dime and burned toast.

Twin sisters about to turn 100

Twin sisters born almost a century ago in Southern California are looking forward to their 100th birthday Saturday.

Inez Harries and Venice Shaw still live in the Los Angeles area, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. And they are still hard to tell apart.

"I don't feel a century old," one sister said Wednesday at a surprise reception held by the Lockheed Federal Credit Union, where Harries has had an account for decades. "I probably don't feel any older than in my 80s." Harries and Shaw were born 15 Jan, 1911, in Pasadena. Their father, William Hesser, managed a citrus ranch.

They appeared on a float in the 1917 Rose Bowl parade and survived the 1918 Spanish influenza epidemic and the San Fernando floods of 1938.

Michael Jackson dance moves hit Kinect in April



Microsoft's new Kinect controller for the Xbox 360 is seen on a shelf in 2010. Ubisoft on Thursday announced an 12 April release date for a Michael Jackson video game that challenges Xbox 360 players to dance like the King of Pop.

INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Jan—Ubisoft on Thursday announced an 12 April release date for a Michael Jackson video game that challenges Xbox 360 players to dance like the King of Pop.

"Michael Jackson: The Experience" taps into camera and gesture-tracking capabilities of Kinect controllers for Xbox 360 consoles to track how well players are imitating the late music legend's moves.

The game features Ubisoft technology that projects players into on-screen scenes inspired by Jackson's music videos and live performances.

Ubisoft released a version of the game for Nintendo's Wii consoles with motion-sensing wand controllers in November.—*Internet*

Placido Domingo receives top Spanish arts award

MADRID, 15 Jan—Spain's government Friday awarded opera tenor Placido Domingo its Order of Arts and Letters for "his extraordinary artistic career." Domingo, who is to perform in Madrid on his 70th birthday this month, is "one of the great ambassadors of Spain and of its culture in the world," the ministry of culture said in announcing the award.

The honour is "in recognition of his extraordinary artistic career as a singer and orchestra conductor, as well as for his international defence of Spanish music, in particular the zarzuela," the traditional Spanish operetta, it said.

"One of the great tenors in history," he has had "a 50-year career that is unparalleled in the history of modern music."—*Internet*



Actor Shah Rukh Khan waves as he arrives on the red carpet of the Bollywood Zee Cine Awards at the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore on 14 January, 2011.

INTERNET

"My Name is Khan" dominates first Bollywood awards

SINGAPORE, 15 Jan—An Indian film about a Muslim man's travails in the United States dominated Bollywood's first major awards of the year, picking up both best director and best actor titles.

The Zee Cine Awards were held in Singapore, and most of

the Indian Hindi film industry's top stars flew in for the event at the Marina Bay Sands resort, which dominates the city-state's skyline.

"My Name is Khan," a sentimental movie about an autistic Muslim man who lives in the United States, won awards for director Karan Johar and lead actor Shahrukh Khan.

The Best Film award went to "Dabangg," an action-packed romance about a policeman who does very little by the book.

The best female actor was Vidya Balan for her role in "Ishqiya," in which she plays a widow who is romanced by two comen.

Reuters



Spain's government has awarded opera tenor Placido Domingo, pictured on 11 January, its Order of Arts and Letters for "his extraordinary artistic career.

INTERNET

Dortmund dominate Leverkusen to extend league lead

BERLIN, 15 Jan— Borussia Dortmund extended their lead at the top of the Bundesliga to 13 points on Friday, blitzing second-placed Bayer Leverkusen with three goals in just six minutes for a 3-1 win at home.

Having already begun 2011 with a ten-point lead, Dortmund hit second-half goals in quick succession from teenager Mario Goetze and two from 22-year-old Kevin



Leverkusen's Renato Augusto(rear) challenges Dortmund's Kevin Grosskreutz during their German first division Bundesliga football match in Leverkusen.— INTERNET

Grosskreutz to seal the win.—Internet

Rovers return for Santa Cruz

LONDON, 15 Jan— Paraguayan international Roque Santa Cruz has joined former club Blackburn Rovers on loan from Manchester City for the remainder of the season, it was confirmed on Friday.

Santa Cruz, 29, has



Paraguayan international Roque Santa Cruz

struggled to fit in at Eastlands since being signed by former City manager Mark Hughes in 2009.

Santa Cruz, who will be available for Rovers match against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, enjoyed a prolific two seasons in his previous stint at Ewood Park, netting 29 goals.

But he was selected by City manager Roberto Mancini just four times this season, scoring two goals.—Internet

French free-for-all as title race heats up

PARIS, 15 Jan—With the French league title race threatening to be the closest in recent memory no fewer than a dozen clubs are eying a push for the summit as top flight action returns this weekend. No side has been dominant across the opening four months of the season, leaving unfancied Lille top of the heap by a point from PSG, whose last title win came in 1994 (to 1954 for Lille), Rennes and Lyon.

Defending champions Marseille are two points further back after managing to win only seven of their 19 matches to date. The top 13 sides are separated by a mere seven points, hence the pressure will be on Didier Deschamps' titleholders to see off 2009 champions Bordeaux in the Sunday match at the Stade Velodrome.

Internet



Marseille's French forward Loic Remy (C) heads the ball next to Auxerre's French goalkeeper Olivier Sorin (L) during the French L1 match at the Abbe Deschamps stadium in Auxerre.— INTERNET

Juventus's Amauri (2nd L) and Luca Toni (2nd R) fight for the ball with Napoli's Edinson Cavani (R), Michele Pazienza (C) and Paolo Cannavaro (L) during their Italian Serie A match at the San Paolo Stadium in Naples.— INTERNET



Mazzarri working on Napoli belief

ROME, 15 Jan—While the traditional Italian giants AC Milan, Inter Milan and Juventus usually compete for Serie A honours, this season has been enlivened by some unexpectedly strong showings from other teams. As a result the scudetto race has an unfamiliar look about it.

Heading into this weekend's games, Napoli sit second in the table, just ahead of third-placed Lazio, with Roma fourth and Palermo fifth. Only Milan on top are occupying a position expected of them as arch rivals Inter languish in seventh, one place behind Juve. And while most people are still expecting at least Inter to hit back and run Milan close, there are a growing number starting to believe in Napoli's chances.—Internet

Redknapp unlikely to make permanent Beckham move

LONDON, 15 Jan— Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp admits he is unlikely to make a permanent move to sign David Beckham because he is unsure how long the LA Galaxy star will continue playing. Beckham has been training with Spurs this week while the Premier League club at-

tempt to secure his signing on a three-month loan deal.

The 35-year-old is keen to keep match-fit during the MLS off-season, but his hopes of playing for Redknapp's side have so far been scuppered by Galaxy's demands over his return date to America and insurance issues.—Internet

SPORTS

Abdulatif nets four as Bahrain eliminate India

DOHA, 15 Jan—Bahrain's Ismael Abdulatif scored a remarkable four goals as his side thrashed India 5-2 here on Friday to stay in contention for an Asian Cup last-eight berth and consign the Indians to elimination. The 24-year-old forward scored three times in just 19 minutes in a devastating first-half spell, after Faouzi Aaish's penalty had been cancelled out by India midfielder Gouramangi Singh.

Sunil Chhetri pulled another goal back for India early in the second half, but after Aaish had been sent off, Abdulatif

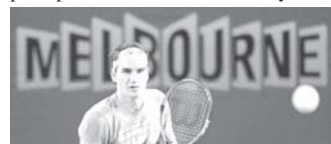
rammed home his fourth goal with 13 minutes remaining to kill off any hopes of an Indian comeback.—Internet



India's midfielder Gouramangi Singh(L) challenges Bahrain's midfielder Abdullah Baba Fataadi during their 2011 Asian Cup group C football match at Al-Sadd Stadium in the Qatari capital Doha.— INTERNET

Federer turns up heat on Nadal's Slam bid

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan—Reigning champion Roger Federer on Saturday piled pressure on Rafael Nadal by call-



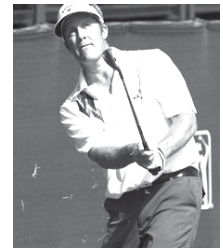
Reigning champion Roger Federer

ing him "favourite" for the Australian Open, where the Spaniard is gunning for his fourth major title in a row. Federer said he was sure the world number one would be untroubled by his recent illness as he bids to unite all four Grand Slams for the first time since 1969.

"He's been the one dominating the Slams," Federer said.—Internet

Appleby takes the lead in Honolulu

HONOLULU, 15 Jan—The Sony Open took a while to get started. So did Stuart Appleby. Appleby was humming along Friday on rain-soaked Waialae Country Club, no bogeys on his cards but not many birdies, either. That changed when he holed a 163-yard shot from the fairway and a 35-foot putt on the next green to finish with a 6-under 64. That gave him a one-shot lead over nine players from Matt Kuchar and Justin Rose to a pair of rookies in Nate Smith and Ben Martin. In soft condition and only a light breeze, 65 players in the 144-man field broke par. Appleby shot 30 on the back nine, including a chip-in from the front of the 12th green.—Internet



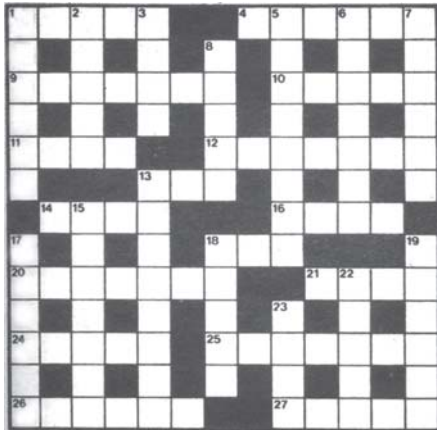
Stuart Appleby, of Australia

Everton accept offer for Steven Pienaar

LONDON, 15 Jan— Midfielder Steven Pienaar could be on the verge of leaving Everton after boss David Moyes said the club had accepted an offer from an unnamed team. The 28-year-old South African international is out of contract at the end of the season and has been linked with a move to Chelsea and Spurs.

Moyes said: "We have had two offers and one of those has been accepted. "We have allowed his representatives to speak to the other club, but whether it goes through or not I don't know yet."—Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



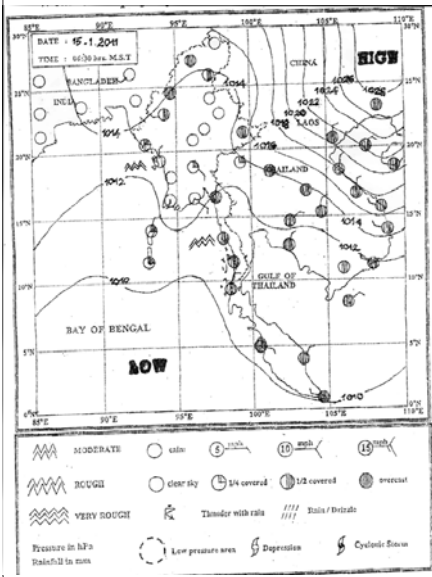
ACROSS

- 1 Got Up
- 4 Danger (anag.)
- 9 Plunder
- 10 Stiff
- 11 Headland
- 12 Sorrow
- 13 Sever
- 14 Bill of fare
- 6 Simple
- 18 Cushion
- 20 Energetic person
- 21 Milk-white gem
- 24 Survival from past
- 25 Crying
- 26 Norwegian explorer
- 27 Sugary

DOWN

- 1 View
- 2 Primula
- 3 Dash
- 5 Shortened
- 6 Deviate
- 7 Naturalist
- 8 Animal
- 13 Decorative twist
- 15 Greek letter
- 17 Styx ferryman
- 18 Move stealthily
- 19 Slender
- 22 Cost
- 23 Minus

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 15th January, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy over Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) above January average temperature in Eastern Shan State and (3°C) below January average temperature in Rakhine State, Upper Sagaing, Magway and Bago Regions and about Janauray average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (1°C), Haka (2°C), Lashio and Namhsan (4°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 14-1-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 15-1-2011 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-1-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 15-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 14-1-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 15-1-2011 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-1-2011 was (82%). Total sunshine hours on 14-1-2011 was (9.5) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 15-1-2011 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 (6) mph from North at (12:30) hours MST on 14-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 16th January 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region and weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Upper Sagaing 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: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Van Nistelrooy to return to Real Madrid



Hamburg striker Ruud van Nistelrooy has reportedly demanded a move back to Real Madrid.
INTERNET

MADRID, 15 Jan—Reports in Spain and Germany this Friday say that the striker Real Madrid will bring to the club in the January transfer window is non other than their former player Ruud Van Nistelrooy.

The club has been scouring the market for a striker since it was

revealed that the back injury suffered by Gonzalo Higuain would keep him out for the rest of the season. Speaking after Thursday's Copa del Rey match against Atletico Madrid, Real's General Director, Jorge Valdano admitted they were in the market, but added they only wanted a short term deal.—Xinhua

13 killed as bus plunges into river in northern India

NEW DELHI, 15 Jan—At least 13 people were killed and eight others sustained injuries when the bus in which they were traveling plunged into a river in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh Saturday, said police.

The mishap happened when the driver of the bus, carrying 21 people, lost control of the vehicle after hitting a railing alongside the Varuna river near Kalikadham village in the holy town of Varansai. The bus plunged into the river

soon after. While 13 bodies have been fished out of the river by rescuers, those injured were rushed to a local hospital where the condition of some are said to be serious, the official said, adding a probe has been ordered into the incident.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati has announced a compensation of 100,000 rupees (2,000 U.S. dollars) each to the kin of those killed in the mishap. She also announced free treatment for those injured.
MNA/Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (16-1-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	(16-1-11 09:30 am ~ 17-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Industrial Advancement for the National Interest
- * Adept Sons of Inlay Lake
- * News
- * Secret Palaces for Yummy food (Myeik Noodle)
- * Stay in touch with ICT
- * News
- * Records Album
- * MI People's Celebrities
- * News
- * Youth and Model Life

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- * News
- * Jazz Bliss Concert
- * News
- * Useful Variety of Bamboo
- * Musical Gallery
- * Shrinking Footprints
- * Melamu Ceti with various Statues reflecting life of Buddha
- * Myanmar Movies "Lound Speaker"



Sunday, 16 January View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am**
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning News

- 7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**
6. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 8:10 am**
7. Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competition
- 8:25 am**
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:40 am**
9. International News
- 8:45 am**
10. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am**
3. Round Up Of The Week's International News

- 11:30 am**
4. TV Drama Series
- 12:30 pm**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:50 pm**
6. Myanmar Movies
- 2:50 pm**
7. International News
- 3:45 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL (2011) Football Competition (Live) (Southern Myanmar FC & Okkthar United FC)
- 5:45 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**
3. Evening News

- 6:15 pm**
4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
5. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm**
6. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 7:00 pm**
7. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
8. News
- 9. International News**
- 10. Weather Report**
- 11. Cartoon Series**
- 11. 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

Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre

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A staff recording weather photos sent by satellite.

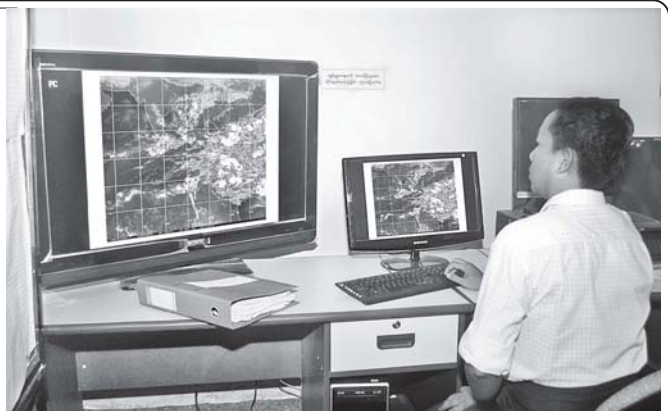


Photo shows advanced equipment in Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre.

Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre was set up in Nay Pyi Taw with a view to doing research on natural disasters, to reduce risks of catastrophes, to issue timely announcement of storm/earthquake/tsunami/flood warnings, disseminate knowledge about natural disaster, to exchange news and technologies in cooperation with international organizations and to provide technical assistance so as to protect projects of the government from danger of catastrophes.

Meteorology Division of Meteorology and Hydrology Department has four divisions: prediction section, documentation section, record section and climate sections.

Meteorology Division is currently operating using computer software that can forecast tidal waves and weather condition of the whole globe, network system to exchange global weather reports, warning and recordings, modern hi-speed ADSL internet network, fiber cable internet network, meteorological stations, 24-hr radio communication network system in states and regions, automatic-answering machines, and is preparing to expand its function with network equipment provided by Japan International Cooperation Agency with which weather reports can be received by satellite.

The centre analyzes weather conditions in the region (See page 10)