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Objectives of 64th Anniversary Union Day (2011)

1. For all national races to safeguard the national policy—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty
2. For all national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among national people
3. For all national races to wipe out, through national solidarity, disruptions caused to peace, stability and development of the nation by internal and external subversives
4. For all national races to make efforts with might and main to build a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the State Constitution approved by the great majority of the people
5. For all national races to work in concert with national unity for perpetuation of the Union that has existed for thousands of years

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

EP-1 Ministry signs contracts with private companies for hydropower projects

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan—Hydropower Planning Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 signed contracts with New Power Oasis Development Co Ltd to implement Upper Belu Creek Hydropower Project under B.O.T system and with Natural Energy Wave Co Ltd to construct Anyapya Hydropower Station under B.O.T system at Yeywa Hall of the ministry here yesterday evening.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for EP-1 U Myo Myint, directors-general, managing directors and officials, Chairman of New Power Oasis Development Co Ltd U Aung Kyaw Myint, Managing Director U Win Oo of Natural Energy Wave Co Ltd and party.

Contract signing ceremony for Upper

Belu Creek Hydropower Project in

progress.—MNA



First, Minister U Zaw Min gave an opening speech and Managing Director U Khaing Oo of New Power Oasis Development Co Ltd and Managing Director U Win Oo of Natural Energy

Wave Co Ltd spoke words of thanks for the deals.

Upper Belu Creek Hydropower Project is at Belu Creek, Nyaungshwe Township, Shan State (South) and Anyapya Hydropower Project is at Anyapya Creek, Dawei Township, Taninthayi Region.

Director-General U Kye Soe of Hydropower Planning Department signed contract with MD U Khaing Oo of New Power Oasis Development Co Ltd for construction of Upper Belu Creek Hydropower Station and with MD U Win Oo of Natural Energy Wave Co Ltd for implementation of Anyapya Hydropower Project.

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Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jun Hua view publications in English and in Chinese and CDs donated by Chinese Embassy. PAGE 8



The magnificent ice and snow sculptures and wonderful performances have attracted a lot of visitors to the 12th Harbin Ice and Snow World. PAGE 10

PERSPECTIVES

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Keep shaping future of the nation in harness

With stability and peace well restored, Myanmar is on course for democracy, standing tall with national prestige and integrity in the international community. Community peace, stability and national unity are fundamental requirements for national development and democratization.

The national goal of building a new nation cannot be achieved only with lip services and unrealistic approaches. Pursuing such an ambitious goal is to be inconsistent with historical background, culture, customs, characters and objective conditions of the nation concerned. With this subject in view, the government immerses itself to short- and long-term projects for proportionate development of all parts of the Union.

During its assumption of State duties in a couple of decades the government has paved way with correct policies and prudent projects to transform the nation from the old to new system. In addition, it has laid large numbers of sound foundations across the nation, designating the 24 regions for special development in their centres and uplifted morale and morality of the people for ensuring smooth transition to the new system.

For instance, roads have formed networks covering the whole nation including 36 Union Highways stretching between south and north and another 45 between east and west of the nation, thus leaving issues of natural barriers between one region and another behind.

Besides road networks, railroads have formed nationwide networks. As a result, Putao in the northern part is easily accessible from Kawthoung in the southern part, and Muse, Lashio and Kengtung in the eastern part, from Sittway in the western part of the nation and vice versa.

The government has improved infrastructures taking a long time with labour and huge funds. Now, there are visible signs of achieving the people's ultimate goal. Today is in the transitory period of shaping the future of the nation. It is, therefore, mandatory for the entire people to take part in nation-building tasks with zest and zeal.

Mine blasts injure two in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan—U Than Win residing at Myitta Linmyaing Village, Myawady Township, Kayin State, while going to the farm, stepped on a mine at about one mile to the south-west of the village around 10 a.m yesterday. The mine planted by KNU insurgents cut off his right ankle, also injuring his left calf and thigh.

Likewise, on his way to rubber field, Maung Hlwan Htet Aung living in Kya-in-Seikkyi, stepped on a mine also planted by KNU insurgents about

Republic Day

- * 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



Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and wife being welcomed by Military Attaché of Thailand to Myanmar Col Prachern Chaiyakit at reception to mark Royal Thai Army Day at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 18 January.—MNA

Meeting on realization of objectives 4 & 5 of the Millennium Development Goals held



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint addressing meeting on realization of objectives 4 & 5 of the Millennium Development Goals.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan—The Ministry of Health held a meeting on realization of objectives 4 & 5 of the Millennium Development Goals at its meeting hall here this morning.

In his opening speech, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, a coordination meeting on improving the health of mothers and children, including infants, was held for the very first time on 8 October 2009 for realization of objectives 4 & 5 of the Millennium Development Goals and future work programmes were laid down. Similarly, workshops, coordination meetings and review meeting were held for seven times in 2009 and 2010.

Under the leadership of the National Health Committee, child health development and reproductive health strategic projects have been drawn once every five years since 2004. Those project tasks are being carried out at central, state, region and township levels, the minister added. two miles to the south-east around 3 pm yesterday. The mine blast left him right calf broken and left knee and arm injured.

The two victims are receiving treatment at Myawady Township People's Hospital and Kya-in-Seikkyi Township People's Hospital. Officials are rendering necessary assistance to them.—MNA

Next, heads of State and Region Health Departments explained implementation of the tasks for realizing the objectives.

Then, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo presided over the second session of the meeting and nine State and Region Health Departments reported on project tasks. The deputy director-general of the Health Department (Public Health) made a review.

Later, the deputy minister made a concluding remark.

MNA

Job training for accountant at Cyber Sky

YANGON, 18 Jan—Cyber Sky Computer Training Centre is conducting job training for accountant course. It is intended to be a professional accountant for B.Com graduates and for those who have passed LCCI level II, III and ACCA. For more information, contact Cyber Sky Computer Training Centre, No.89, fourth floor, Anawrhata Street (corner of Seikkantha Street), Yangon and dial 01-388808 and 09-5072366.

MNA

Death toll of Iraq suicide bombing rises to 50

TIKRIT, 18 Jan—The death toll of a suicide bombing Tuesday in northern Iraq has risen to 50, while around 150 others were also wounded, local police source in Iraq's Salahuddin province told *Xinhua*.

A suicide bomber Tuesday morning detonated his explosive vest among a group of young men who were about to join the Iraqi police force in the country's northern city of Tikrit.

Witness said there were about 300 people in line to join the police when the attack occurred.

Insurgents frequently attacked Iraqi government officials and security members as part of attempts to reassert the insurgent's control in some areas where they've been limited in freedom of movement.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continued in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the last three years.

Xinhua



Iraqi security forces inspect the scene of a roadside bomb in central Baghdad, Iraq recently.
INTERNET



Afghan investigators inspect the site of a suicide bombing in Gereshk district of Helmand province. A roadside bomb ripped through a minibus in southern Afghanistan, killing six civilians and wounding another three, a local official said.—INTERNET

American service member killed in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 Jan—An American service member was killed in northern Iraq on Monday morning, the US military confirmed, but few details were immediately released.

A statement from US Forces - Iraq said a US

service member was killed as a result of a non-hostile incident in northern Iraq, but provided no other information.

“The name of the deceased and details of the incident are being withheld pending notification of next of kin

and release by the Department of Defence,” the statement said.

The fatalities raise the total number of US troops killed in Iraq so far this year to six, according to a *BNO News* count based on official information.

Internet

People mourn during the funeral of two victims killed in one of Thursday's bomb attacks, at St George Chaldean church in eastern Baghdad. At least 16 people were also wounded in the series of bomb attacks on Thursday on the homes of minority Christians in the Iraqi capital, security sources said.
INTERNET

“Suspicious item” aboard American Airlines flight in Miami declared safe

MIAMI, 18 Jan—A suspicious item found aboard an American Airlines flight at Miami Day International Airport on Monday morning has been declared safe, according to federal officials.

According to Greg Soule, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the suspicious item was found after American Airlines flight 930 landed at Miami's Airport following a flight from

Sao Paulo in Brazil. “In the process of unloading cargo, a suspicious item was identified in the cargo hold,” Soule said. Out of an abundance of caution, the spokesman said, local law enforcement and the bomb squad arrived on scene to inspect the item. About two hours later, at 10.37 am local time, the item was cleared and declared safe. It was not immediately clear what the suspicious item was.

Internet



Four dead in suicide bombing targeting Iraqi Provincial governor

RAMADI, 18 Jan —The death toll from a suicide car bomb attack that targeted the governor of Iraq's western province of Anbar on Monday, rose to four and three other people were wounded, a provincial police source said.

“The latest report said that four security men were killed and three civilians were wounded by the suicide bombing in the City of Ramadi, the capital of Anbar Province,” the source from the provincial operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The attack took place at 7:30 am local time (0430 GMT) when a suicide bomber drove an explosive-laden police vehicle into the convoy of the governor Qassim Mohammed Abed, who escaped the attack unhurt, the source said.

Abed was heading to his work when the suicide bomber attacked his convoy near the Grand Mosque in central Ramadi, some 100 km west of Baghdad, he said.

Three bodyguards were among the deaths, and the fourth was a policeman who was driving his police vehicle close to the scene when the blast occurred, the source add.

Xinhua

Iran shoots down US, UK, drones in Persian Gulf

TEHERAN, 18 Jan—An Iranian military official said that Iran has shot down the US, UK and Israeli drones in Persian Gulf several times during the past seven years, *Fars news* agency reported on Monday.

The unidentified high ranking military official confirmed that the drones have been targeted out of Iran's aerial space and Iran is vigilant about the violation of its space.

“They (the drones) will be targeted upon violating Iran's space, “

the official was quoted as saying.

Earlier this month, an Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) commander told *Fars* that Iran had shot down many western drones, two of them in the Persian Gulf.

Aerospace Commander of the IRGC Amir Ali Hadgizadeh told *Fars* that “they (western drones) have entered our territory a number of times and we have, so far, shot down many of the advanced spy drones.”

“We have shot down

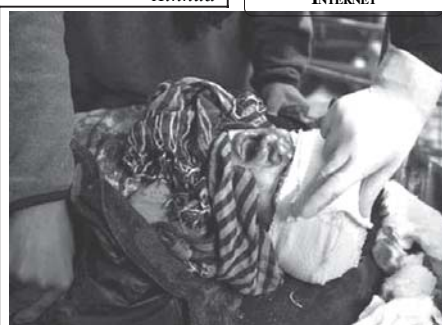
two of their drones in the Persian Gulf,” the commander was quoted by *Fars* as saying.

Iran has said that it might display the planes claimed to be shot down in the future.

Xinhua

Medics treat a student who was injured in a bomb explosion in the outskirts of Peshawar, at Lady Reading Hospital recently. Two small roadside bombs hit a school van on the outskirts of northwestern Peshawar, killing two female teachers and wounding seven, including three children, police said.

INTERNET





Science

Iron Age beer-making analyzed at dig

STUTT GART, 18 Jan—A German researcher says ancient grain found at an Iron Age Celtic settlement dating to around 500 BC is left over from a sophisticated beer-making operation.

Hans-Peter Stika, an archaeobotanist from the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart, says grains of charred barley found in six oblong ditches showed the inhabitants were producing high quality barley malt used in making beer. PhysOrg.com reported Monday.

Stika says he's concluded the ditches were used to soak barley grains until they sprouted, after which fires were lit

at each end to dry the grains and give them a dark colour and smoky flavour.

Seeds of henbane, a plant known to increase the intoxicating effect, were found in the excavations of the Iron Age settlement at Eberdingen-Hochdorf, north of Stuttgart.

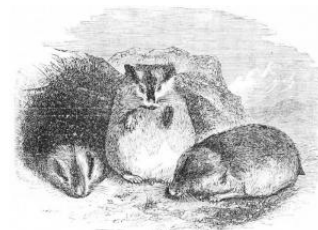
Fermentation was probably produced by yeast on the brewing equipment, or by wild yeast on honey or fruit added to the brew, Stika says. The final beer would have been cloudy with a yeasty sediment and drunk at room temperature.

Internet

Warming may threaten lemming reproduction

TROMSO, 18 Jan—Lemming population explosions may result from breeding all through long Arctic winters and climate change may hit them hard, European researchers say.

Scientists at the University of Tromsø trapped lemmings at 109 locations in northeastern Norway to monitor population changes before, during and after a lemming population outbreak. NewScientist.com reported. As the winter went on, the population of lemmings living under the snow at each site rose, and in the spring the



A group of lemmings, as seen in an 1877 issue of "Popular Science."

INTERNET

lemming population was large enough to fuel an outbreak, they found.

Researcher Rolf Ims said this suggests huge outbreaks of lemmings are largely driven by their winter breeding abilities, rather than external factors such as food supply or predators.

Lemmings bred fastest at high altitudes, thanks to longer-lasting snow, but rising temperatures due to climate change could see those snow-covered areas shrink, fragmenting lemming populations, Ims said.

Many researchers predict ideal winters for lemmings will become less common, but Charles Krebs of the University of British Columbia says he's not yet convinced climate change will harm lemmings.—Internet



Hunters attend a wolf hunt near Kristinehamn, Sweden, in 2010. The European Commission on Monday announced it was taking formal action against Sweden for culling wolves in breach of European Union legislation.—INTERNET

Ancient records confirm climate models

EDINBURGH, 18 Jan—European researchers say ancient records, including details gathered from monks' diaries, are revealing how and why climate has changed in the last 500 years.

Researchers said the historic data, from sources such as weather station archives and farming harvest records, closely match modern computer simulations of European climate patterns during the last five centuries, Britain's The Independent reported Monday.

The University of Edinburgh, in collaboration with universities in Germany, Switzerland and Spain, carried

out the study.

"Five hundred years ago, the records were quite sparse, but there (are) a lot of data going back to the 19th century and quite a lot of data from the 17th and 18th centuries," Gabi Hegerl of Edinburgh's School of GeoSciences said. "Before that, we're working from monks' diaries and harvest records and all kinds of indirect evidence about whether they experienced warm or cold summers and winters."

"Around 1700 and the early 19th century, for example, there were very cold winters. That's been captured quite well in the records."—Internet



Technology

Smartphones lift Apple and Samsung in quarterly phone bonanza

HELSINKI/SEOUL, 18 Jan—Hot smartphone models, the iPhone 4 and Samsung's Galaxy S, are forecast to have helped their makers race further ahead of rivals in the holiday sales season at the end of 2010.

On average analysts expect global cellphone sales volumes to have grown 10.8 percent in October-December, a Reuters poll of 32 banks, brokerages and research

firms showed. "Indications point to further substantial strengthening of demand in the fourth quarter," said Geoff Blaber, an analyst at research firm CCS Insight.

The phone market has recovered from a slump in 2009, but growth is expected to have peaked in the first half of 2010, with further slowdown, to 8.4 percent, forecast for 2011, the Reuters poll showed.

"In 2010 we saw a gulf emerge between winners and losers which will only widen in 2011," Blaber said.

Reuters



Traders sit in the Goldman Sachs' booth on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Citing "intense media coverage," Goldman Sachs said on Monday it was excluding US clients from a private offering of shares in Facebook expected to raise as much as \$1.5 billion.

INTERNET

Swiss bank UBS to change much-mocked dress code

GENEVA, 18 Jan—Good news for Swiss bankers: They may soon be allowed to wear red underwear, black nail polish — and even eat garlic.

Swiss banking giant UBS AG said Monday it is revising its 44-page dress code telling its Swiss staff how to present themselves, which generated worldwide ridicule for its micromanagement of their dressing and dining habits.

The code instructs employees on everything from their breath — no garlic or onions, please — to their underwear, which should be skin-coloured.

"We're reviewing what is important to us," UBS spokesman Andreas Kern told *The Associated Press*.

He said the bank would issue a pared-down booklet with more general guidelines on how to impress customers with a polished presence and sense of Swiss precision and decorum.

The existing code tells female employees how to apply makeup, what kind of perfume to wear and what colour stockings are acceptable. It advises them not to show roots if they colour their hair and to avoid black nail polish.—Internet

'Cyberwar' an exaggerated threat

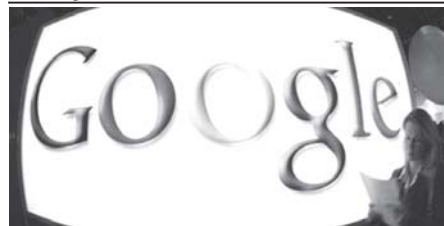
LONDON, 18 Jan—National military countermeasures against possible cyberwarfare are a waste of time and money, the British author of an infamous hacker's "guide" says.

Peter Sommer of the London School of Economics says governments should not panic when words like "cyberwar" and "cyberweapons" are used, NewScientist.com reported Monday.

"Governments should take a calm, disciplined approach and evaluate the risks of each type of attack very carefully rather than be swayed by scare stories," says Sommer, who published the infamous "Hacker's Handbook" in 1985 under the pseudonym "Hugo Cornwall."

He has since become a noted security researcher and has co-authored a report for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development that warns governments against swallowing wholesale stories about "cyberattacks" and "cyberweapons."

"Analysis of cyber-security issues has been weakened by the lack of agreement on terminology and the use of exaggerated language," the report says. "Cyber-espionage is not a few keystrokes away from cyberwar, it is a method of spying."—Internet



A visitor walks past the logo of Internet search engine giant Google. Italy's antitrust authority on Monday closed a probe into Google for alleged abuse of its market position, saying it accepted pledges made by the search engine to provide greater transparency.—INTERNET

Health

Breast cancer false positive can harm

TILBURG, 18 Jan— Some women benefit from early breast cancer detection but others experience unnecessary anxiety and reduced quality of life, a Dutch researcher says.

Lead author Dr Lideke van der Steeg of St Elisabeth Hospital in Tilburg, Netherlands, looked at the quality of life of 385 Dutch women with abnormal mam-mograms — 233 with false positives, found to be non-cancerous, and 152 of whom were subsequently diagnosed with breast cancer.

“Women often overestimate their risk of breast cancer and the material provided by healthcare professionals and government agencies often focus on the positive aspects of screening,” van der Steeg says in a

statement. “In fact, women who had a tendency to be anxious fared much worse if they received a false-positive, which is estimated to happen in 60 percent of abnormal mammograms, than if they were actually diagnosed with breast cancer.”

The study, published in *the British Journal of Surgery*, finds women with breast cancer had larger tumors and were significantly older on average — 60.2 years — than women in the false-positive group — 57.3 years.

Significantly more diagnostic procedures, including biopsies, were needed in the false-positive group and these procedures were linked by the study authors to lower quality-of-life scores, van der Steeg says.—*Internet*



A school nurse administers a influenza vaccine to a girl's arm in Sochi, Russia. World Health Organisation chief Margaret Chan has warned that the health community needs to tackle strong and "worrisome" public mistrust of vaccines, following signs of a tail-off in flu vaccination.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Do you have enlarged adenoids?

The adenoids are lymphatic tissue, resembling the tonsils, found in the airway between the nose and back of the throat.

The adenoids have a tendency to swell, especially in younger children. The ADAM Medical Encyclopedia says common symptoms of enlarged adenoids include:

- * Dry mouth.
- * Cracked lips.
- * Bad breath.
- * Daytime breathing with the mouth open.
- * Breathing through the mouth, especially at night.
- * Restlessness while trying to sleep.
- * Chronic nasal stuffiness or runny nose.—*Internet*

Smoking causes DNA damage in minutes

MINNEAPOLIS, 18 Jan— Cigarette smoke causes genetic damage within minutes — not years — after inhalation into the lungs, US researchers say.

Stephen S Hecht of the Masonic Cancer Centre at the University of Minnesota and colleagues say evidence indicates harmful substances in tobacco smoke — polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons — play a role in causing lung cancer but the study is the first to detail how PAHs in cigarette smoke cause DNA damage.

The scientists added a labeled PAH — phenanthrene — to cigarettes and tracked it in 12 volunteers who smoked the cigarettes. They found phenanthrene quickly forms a toxic substance in the blood known to trash DNA, causing mutations that can cause cancer.

The study, published in *Chemical Research in Toxicology*, found human smokers developed maximum levels of the substance in a time frame that surprised researchers — 15-30 minutes after volunteers smoked.

Hecht and colleagues say the effect occurs so quickly it is equivalent to injecting the substance directly into the bloodstream.

“This study is unique. It is the first to investigate human metabolism of a PAH specifically delivered by inhalation in cigarette smoke, without interference by other sources of exposure such as air pollution or the diet,” Hecht says in a statement. “The results reported here should serve as a stark warning to those who are considering starting to smoke cigarettes.”

Internet

Business

French Coface says world growth to slow down in 2011

PARIS, 18 Jan— French leading credit insurer Coface estimated on Monday that the world economy would slow growth to 3.4 percent in 2011 from 4 percent in 2010 with emerging economies still leading the growth while joint pressure of private debt, austerity fiscal policy and raw materials prices weighs on development.

The subsidiary of the Natixis Bank made the statement at its 15th Country Risk Conference. The advanced countries would show growth of 1.8 percent

compared to 2.3 percent in 2010, with the euro zone to decelerate by 1.4 percent, lower from 1.7 percent in 2010, while the emerging countries will “continue the solid growth trajectory in 2011” with 6.2 percent increase, compared to 6.7 percent in 2010, the statement said.

Risk for the euro zone, grouping a number of advanced countries, is mainly on private debt bubble which resulted in sovereign crises, but the emerging countries, according to Coface, are also facing a surge in indebtedness in the private sector, which could risk growth financing though not serious enough now given the weight of private sectors.

Xinhua

OPEC raises 2011 world oil demand growth forecast

VIENNA, 18 Jan— The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) raised its forecast Monday for global oil-demand growth this year, encouraged by outlook of continued world economic recovery.

In 2011, world oil demand growth is forecast at 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd), 50,000 bpd higher than last month's estimate, the Vienna-based oil cartel announced in its January report.

The report noted that the continued pace of the global economic recovery will have a considerable impact on world oil demand in 2011.

“World economic activities were stronger than expected, resulting in

more oil usage,” the report said.

OPEC predicted world economy would continue to enjoy positive momentum backed by the ongoing expansion in the manufacturing sector.

The monthly report also revised world economic growth for 2010 up to 4.5 percent from 4.3 percent. Growth in 2011 was revised higher to 3.9 percent from 3.8 percent.—*Xinhua*



A woman walks in front of a billboard promoting company trademarks at a shopping mall in Beijing. Foreign direct investment in China rose 17.4 percent in 2010 to \$105.7 billion, the government said Tuesday, despite efforts by authorities to cool the economy and stem liquidity flows.—INTERNET

China's annual FDI hits record \$105 bln

BEIJING, 18 Jan— Foreign direct investment (FDI) into China hit a record 105.74 billion US dollars last year, up 17.4 percent year on year, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) announced Tuesday.

In December alone, China attracted 14.03 billion US dollars of FDI, up 15.6 percent year on year, making it the 17th consecutive month of FDI growth since August 2009. The rapid FDI growth could be attributed to robust development in the service sector and the country's central and western regions, said MOC spokesman Yao Jian.

FDI in the service sector rose 28.6 percent last year and that in central and western regions climbed 27.6 percent year on year, Yao said.—*Xinhua*



A employee of Hana Bank cleans the door in Seoul. South Korea's fourth-largest banking group Hana Financial said Tuesday it has formed a strategic alliance with China Merchants Bank as the Korean firm seeks to expand in Asia.—INTERNET

Heavy snow hits Japan; Toyota stops production

TOKYO, 18 Jan—Heavy snowfall blanketed many parts of Japan Monday, disrupting transportation and prompting Toyota Motor Corp to suspend operations at 12 of its factories.

More than 100 cm of snow fell in some areas along the Sea of Japan, disrupting rail and highway travel in central Japan.

The fresh snowfall pushed snow accumulation to 195 cm in Kitahiroshima in Hiroshima prefecture, 137 cm in Maniwa in Okayama prefecture and 91 cm in Onan in Shimane prefecture, all record highs for the locations in western Japan, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Nagoya, a major central city, also

saw more than 10 cm of snow pile up for the first time in three years, the agency said.

Toyota decided to halt work at its 12 factories around the city because the snow could block smooth procurement of parts and make employees' commutes difficult. The carmaker said it was to resume operations Tuesday.

Central Japan Railway Co said services on the Tokaido Shinkansen Line were delayed as bullet trains slowed because of snowfall between Hamamatsu and Shin-Osaka Station. A total of 75 trains ran up to two hours behind schedule, affecting about 67,000 people, the *Kyodo News* agency reported, citing the company.—INTERNET



Photo taken on 18 Jan, 2011 shows vehicles covered with snow by the Changhong Avenue in Jiujiang, east China's Jiangxi Province. The city of Jiujiang was hit by a heavy snowfall Tuesday morning. The Jiangxi Observatory had released a meteorological forecast of the heavy snow on the previous day, saying snow depth in the northern part of the province could reach 8cm.—XINHUA

Tired of snow, Northeast adds sleet, freezing rain

NEW YORK, 18 Jan—After two major blasts of snow, the Northeast faced the prospect of more brutal winter weather: snow, sleet and freezing rain.

A mix of light freezing rain, snow, fog and mist was falling at Philadelphia around 2 am Tuesday. Light snow was settling over New York City's Central Park and around Trenton, NJ.

Up to 3 inches of snow, rain and ice threatened to ruin morning rush hour travel in New York, New Jersey and



Marcia Grenier, of Worcester, Mass, walks past a makeshift sign planted in a snowbank in front a house in Worcester on 17 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Connecticut. The National Weather Service said Boston could get 2 to 4 inches of snow beginning early Tuesday, and the

snowfall would be followed by fog and rain in the afternoon and freezing rain Tuesday night.

Elevated parts of

Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire could see more than 6 inches of snow. Residents also might have to slog through sleet and freezing rain.

After a Christmas weekend blizzard dumped 20 inches of snow on New York City, Mayor Michael Bloomberg was criticized for the slow cleanup. Up to 12 inches of snow blanketed the area again last week, but the city was prepared and the streets were quickly plowed.

INTERNET

S African rescuer killed helping flood victims

JOHANNESBURG, 18 Jan—Rescuers say one of their own was killed while trying to help victims of flooding near South Africa's Capital.

Johann Pieterse of the Pretoria area fire department says a 42-year-old firefighter from Pretoria was killed Monday after his inflatable raft capsized during a rescue attempt.

The Kraal River burst its banks early Monday, sweeping vehicles off bridges and littering the roads in and around Pretoria with debris. The firefighter was helping search for at least seven people reported missing in the flood.

Some 40 people have died in South Africa since mid-December in flooding caused by unusually heavy seasonable rains. The northern part of the country has been hardest hit.

INTERNET



Rising flood waters start to engulf roads in the Victorian town of Horsham. Anxious residents of towns in southern Australia braced for once-in-200-year floods, as the government said the rolling flood crisis was its costliest natural disaster ever.—INTERNET

6.5 magnitude quake rocks Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 Jan—A shallow earthquake with magnitude of 6.5 struck off Sumatra island of Indonesia on early Tuesday, officials said here. No tsunami warning was issued and there were no initial reports of damage or casualty.

The quake jolted at 02:20 am Jakarta time Tuesday (1920 GMT Monday) with epicentre at 115 km southwest Bintuhan town of Bengkulu province and with the depth at 10 km under sea bed, an official of the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency Hendra Raharja told *Xinhua* by phone.

The intensity of the quake was felt at 3 to 4 MMI (Modified Mercalli Intensity) in Manna and Bintuhan towns, 3 MMI in Kepahiang town, and Bengkulu City, capital of the province, the official said.—XINHUA

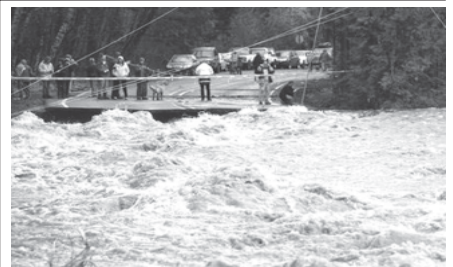
Flood displaced Sri Lankans return home

COLOMBO, 18 Jan—The number of persons displaced by floods in Sri Lanka's north and east recorded a steep decrease as 150,000 people returned home on Monday, relief officials said.

Pradeep Kodippili, assistant director of the Disaster Management Centre told reporters that there were 204,118 people accommodated in welfare camps by Sunday, but the number had decreased to 51,423 on Monday. Kodippili said the number of camps had been reduced to 137 from 435. He said the death toll had increased to 40 from 39 and four people are still missing while 51 were injured. Kodippili said so far 5,381 houses have been fully damaged by floods and 21,947 partially damaged.—INTERNET



Employees wearing the traditional Hanbok sit on the floor at Lotte department store to greet customers as they promote the store ahead of the upcoming Lunar New Year holiday, in Seoul on 18 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET



Waters of the Sandy River flow down East Lolo Pass as people are left stranded in Zigzag, Ore, on 17 Jan, 2011. The rains in Oregon were pushing some rivers and streams over their banks at a time when many waterways were rising because of warming temperatures and melting snow, with some rivers reaching flood stage and more were expected to rise above that level.—INTERNET

5.1-magnitude quake hits Coquimbo, Chile — USGS

WASHINGTON, 18 Jan—An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted Coquimbo, Chile on Monday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 65.10 km, was initially determined to be at 30.2387 degrees south latitude and 71.2299 degrees west longitude.

XINHUA

Minister U Zaw Min addressing Contracts signing ceremony for Upper Belu Creek Hydropower Project and Anyaphya Hydropower Project. (News on page 1)

MNA



Contracts signing ceremony for Anyaphya Hydropower Project in progress. (News on page 1)—MNA

Energy Minister's Cup inter-ward/village-tract men's football tourney concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi enjoyed the final match and prize-presenting ceremony of sixth Energy Minister's Cup inter-ward/village-tract men's football (open) tournament 2010-2011 held at Aung San Thuriya Hla Thaug sport ground in Kungyangon, Yangon Region on 16 January. After that, the minister presented awards to Wetkeik football team and responsible persons, to second, third, best and consolation winning teams.—MNA

DPRK Ambassador calls on UMFCCI Vice-Presidents



Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol and UMFCCI Vice-Presidents meet at UMFCCI office.—MNA

YANGON, 18 Jan — Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol called on Vice-Presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers

of Commerce and Industry and officials at the head office of the federation on 12 January afternoon. The two sides discussed matters related to promoting bilateral economic cooperation between the two nations, mutual economic cooperation between businesspeople of the two nations, delegates exchange programmes and rendering assistance to trade and investment.—MNA

Nawarat to hold talks on scholarship

YANGON, 18 Jan — Nawarat Education will organize talks on overseas scholarship as its Education for All programme at Traders Hotel here at 1 to 3 pm on 5 February.

Talks on "2011 Oversea Education Opportunities" will cover certificates presented by foreign exam bodies, job opportunities, essential education for learning at foreign universities and colleges and major consideration.

The session will also introduce Noble College, first-ever school lecturing British and American universities' syllabuses to be opened in Myanmar. Those interested may attend the talks free of charge and may contact the Nawarat Education at No.82 (Third floor), Anawrahta Street, at the corner of 39th St, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, (Ph: 250225, 250150 and 01-73049603) for seat.—MNA

Chinatown Point Center to organize Lunar New Year Special programme on 20 Jan

YANGON, 18 Jan — Newly-decorated Chinatown Point Center with fresh services will organize Lunar New Year Special programme with the sponsorship of Diamond Plus & Wema & Sqdkif, Cherry Oo, J' Donuts, Mobile Star and Tony & Guys beauty Spa from 20 January to 4 February.

Customers who bought items worth K 50,000 can get a lucky draw coupon. Shopping center gift vouchers, ranging from first prize of K 300,000 to consolation prizes of K 30,000, will be presented to winners by artistes at 2 pm on 5 February.—MNA



Chinatown Point Center will host Lunar New Year Special Programme.

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PRC Embassy donates publications, CDs to Ministry of Information

YANGON, 18 Jan—The Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar donated publications to the Ministry of Information at Studio (A) of the Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road here yesterday afternoon.

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan in his speech said that the donation ceremony provided renewed strength to over 60 years old diplomatic ties and friendly relations between the two countries and en-

the entire people.

To establish self-reliant rural libraries, the ministry has spent over 11.9 billion kyats in total, on land, buildings, furniture, periodicals, TVs and radios.

The ministry has set five standards for sustainable progress of the libraries, he said, adding that the Rural Library Foundation was established on 15 May 2010 to enable the people, literati and entrepreneurs to join hands in enabling all libraries to meet the set

standards when libraries run well.

He thanked the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jun Hua and Embassy staff for donating 8172 publications and 216 CDs with a face value of 44,854,000 kyats for development of the foundation.

In conclusion, he wished the two countries well in promoting friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries and



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan addressing book donation ceremony of Chinese Embassy to the ministry.

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hancing the public knowledge.

He disclosed that so far, the ministry has established self-reliant libraries in 55,755 of the over 60,000 villages in

standards. He revealed that the foundation will carry out fundamental tasks as a national duty in the interest of the nation and the people. He noted that the three objectives

bilateral cooperation in the media area.

The Chinese Ambassador explained the purpose of the donation, and presented the donations to Director-General

and party observed publications in English and in Chinese and CDs donated by Chinese Embassy, documentary photos on movements for establishment of self-reli-

worth 44,638,000 kyats, and 216 CDs worth 216,000 kyats, with a total value of 44,854,000 kyats.

Also present on the occasion were heads of department from the ministry, the chairman and CEC members of the

Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, officials from the foundation, members of the Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, journalists from local journals and magazines, and guests.

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Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jun Hua view publications in English and in Chinese and CDs donated by Chinese Embassy.—MNA

Myanmar with three objectives: to broaden the horizons of the people, to raise public awareness about media threats, and to ensure correct and effective democratization being implemented by

of the foundation are to ensure sustainable progress of the foundation, to mobilize public participation as community-based methods will be applied to raise funds, and to improve rural edu-

of the Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, who then presented a certificate of honour to him.

After the ceremony, Minister U Kyaw Hsan, the Chinese ambassador

ant village libraries, and documents on libraries being built with trust funds provided by Chinese Embassy.

The donations included 8172 books in English and in Chinese



Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jun Hua donates publications and CDs through Information and Public Relations Department Director-General U Ye Htut.—MNA

A&I Minister meets ROK guests



NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Kim Woo Choong of OKPO Welfare Service Management & Consulting Co Ltd from the Republic of Korea at the Minister's Office here yesterday evening. At the call, they discussed growing of physic nut and investment in agricultural sector.—MNA

Minister U Htay Oo receives Chairman of OKPO Welfare Service Management & Consulting Co Ltd Mr Kim Woo Choong of Republic of Korea.—MNA

CPT Minister tours Yatanarpon Myothit

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw inspected extended groundwork and the building of more roads in the Housing Estate Project in Northern Yatanarpon Myothit near PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, yesterday.

Yatanarpon Teleport Building, he inspected machines installed in Billing Centre and their functions, IPTV Room, Soft Switch Room and ISP Data Centre, and work and lecturing subjects at the worksite of Portal Operation Team in Yatanarpon Portal Building. Next, he inspected cables and installed machines in the

communications building in Yatanarpon Myothit.

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CPT Minister U Thein Zaw at Billing Centre of Yatanarpon Teleport.—MNA



Conquest of natural barrier of Yoma mountain...

(from page 16)
Public Works under the Ministry of Construction is building a road with a length of 96 miles and three furlongs between Thagaya and Koebin through Bago Yoma mountain range. It was pleasant to view woodlands of teak along the road. Public Works took great care in seeking the alignment for the road in order not to harm groves of teak.

When asked about the ongoing project, Senior Engineer U Wunna Zaw of Special

Projects Implementation Group-1 said that Koebin-Thagaya Road was being built by Special Group-1, nine other groups of Public Works and 13 groups from companies; that it was merely a road for timber extraction built by the Ministry of Forestry in March 2001; that the road was of two sections: 50 miles and two furlongs section from Thagaya in Bago Region to the borderline of Bago Region and Magway Region, and 46 miles and one furlong section from Sinpaungwe Township



U Wunna Zaw, Senior Engineer (Civil).

to Koebin; that the Ministry of Forestry had handed over the road to Public Works 30 January 2004, and it launched the project in 2004-2005 fiscal year; that at that time, the earth road was full of steep slopes for 78 miles and four long; that the earth road would be



Some teak trees along Koebin-Thagaya Road near Pho kyar Village.

expanded as wide as 50 feet, and the tarred road, as wide as 12 feet; and that on completion, the road would be able to withstand 40 tons of loads.

He added that they lowered high parts and raised lower parts for the new road as smooth as it could be; that in particular, they made detours to avoid teak plantations starting from Pho Kyar Station; that Special Group-1 and companies of national races launched the project on 28 April 2010; and that they were working hard for completion of the project on schedule.

Koebin-Thagaya

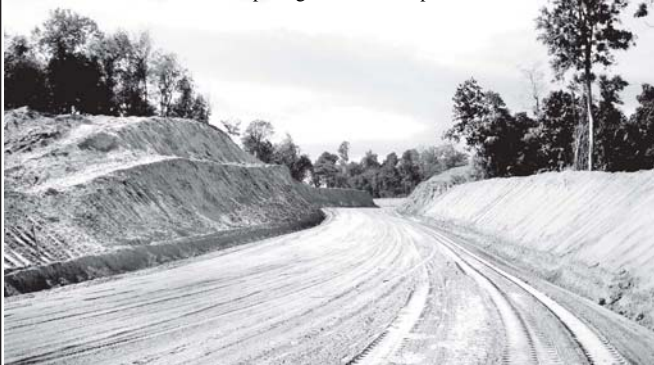
Road is consisted of five bridges whose length ranged between 50 to 180 feet, two 50-foot bridges, five 30-foot bridges, nine 20-foot bridges and 34 conduits. The project is being undertaken by Bridge Group (5) led by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Thein Myint Mon and Special Projects Implementation Group-1.

So, there will soon emerge another road linking Koebin and Thagaya Industrial Zone through Bago Yoma mountain range. When the road project is completed, local people of various national races will be able to improve friendly relations and deal

with each other far more than ever before.

Therefore, emergence of seven roads: Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road, Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung Road, Koebin-Thagaya Road, Pyay-Paukhaung-Ottwin Road, Chaungnet-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw Road, Magway-Kanbya-Myothit Road, Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw Road, and Natmauk-Pyawbwe Road is, in fact, conquest of natural barrier of Bago Yoma mountain range.

Translation: MS Myanma Ailin: 17-1-2011



An expanded earthen section of Koebin-Thagaya Road.

Porsche mulls factories in Asia, US

BERLIN, 18 Jan— Iconic Porsche 911 sports cars could in the future be produced in factories in Asia or the United States, the German firm's chief executive said on Sunday.

"This year, we are going to discuss whether to start assembly in Asia or North America," Matthias Mueller told *Focus* magazine. "The main thing is that the car has 'Engineered by Porsche' on it. Where

it is produced is no longer so important," he added.

Currently, the company manufactures its cars in factories in Leipzig, in eastern Germany and Stuttgart, in the west.

Porsche saw a strong gain in sales in 2010. Some 95,000 cars were delivered to customers last year, an increase of 25 percent.

Internet



Spectators look at a Porsche 911 GT3 R Hybrid race car outside the Department of Energy in Washington, DC. Iconic Porsche 911 sports cars could in the future be produced in factories in Asia or the United States, the German firm's chief executive said.

INTERNET



Tourists visit the Ice and Snow World in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 15 Jan, 2011. The magnificent ice and snow sculptures and wonderful performances have attracted a lot of visitors to the 12th Harbin Ice and Snow World. —XINHUA

Australian researchers solve mystery on colorectal cancer treatment

CANBERRA, 18 Jan— Australian researchers on Monday identified a defective gene, which explains why some colorectal cancer patients respond very well to radiotherapy but others not at all.

A team of Australian scientists from the Garvan Institute for Medical Research, have been investigating the tumor cells of over 200 colorectal cancer patients, and how they responded to their treatment.

They believe the outcome of treatment may depend on the gene MCC, which happens to be expressed at low levels in a subset of colorectal cancers.

According to Dr Laurent Pignon, the defective gene was a "double-edged sword", as it appeared to both encourage a tumor to develop but also make these less resistant and easier to kill off with radiotherapy.—Xinhua

Traders are pictured at their desks in front of the DAX board at the Frankfurt stock exchange on 13 January, 2011. INTERNET



Euro slips before euro zone meeting; stocks fall

SYDNEY, 18 Jan—The euro eased on Monday as investors waited to see if officials will agree to beef up a euro zone safety fund, while Asian shares mostly fell, led by drop in Shanghai in the wake of China's latest attempt to contain inflation.

European Central Bank Jean-Claude Trichet gave the thumbs up for a bigger safety-net fund on Sunday, a day before a regular meeting of euro zone finance ministers, who are due to discuss an increase in the effective lending capacity of the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF).

Some analysts play-ed down the chances of a clear outcome this week and pointed to a 4 February European Council meeting as a more likely stage for such decisions to be made.

Still, this week's meeting could give investors a better sense of how much agreement

or dissent there is among euro zone members to enlarging the facility. Any disappointment could see the euro come under renewed pressure. For now, the euro was at \$1.3330, having rallied some 4 percent last week to a one-month high around \$1.3456 on Friday.

"There could be a further upside for the euro if confidence in the rescue scheme grows.

Internet

Oil slips to near \$91 after China tightening move

BANGKOK, 18 Jan—Oil prices slipped to near \$91 a barrel Monday in Asia after China's latest move to restrict lending raised the prospect of weaker demand for crude.

Benchmark oil for February delivery was down 25 cents at \$91.29 a barrel at midday Bangkok time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 14 cents to settle at \$91.54 a barrel on Friday.

Trading was subdued ahead of a Federal holiday in the US on Monday.

China, the world's biggest energy consumer, on late Friday raised the amount of money banks must keep on reserve for the seventh time in a year — its latest move to curb lending and tame inflation. That suggested China's economic growth could slow further, denting demand for imported oil, which is trading near a two-year high, and other fuels.

Internet

An explosion in Bangladesh's SE shipyard leaves 3 workers injured

DHAKA, 18 Jan—At least three workers were injured, two seriously, in an explosion at a ship-breaking yard in Sitakunda of Bangladesh's southeastern port city of Chittagong Tuesday.

Officer-in-Charge of Sitakunda police station Nur Mohammad told *Xinhua* over phone that the explosion occurred at an oil tanker of Pranam ship at about 10 am local time while workers were cutting the scrapped ship.

Nur Mohammad said one cutter man and two helpers were injured and they were sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. He said condition of the two workers was critical.

Fire fighters were struggling to douse

the blaze till filing of this report at 2:30 pm local time.

Witnesses said some 20-22 workers were working in the shipyard during the explosion.

At least 500 workers reportedly died in the last 21 years in Bangladesh's ship-breaking yards excluding the deaths from diseases caused by toxic fumes and materials workers are exposed to all the time.

Some 30,000 workers are engaged in 36 ship scrapping yards in Chittagong's Sitakunda, which houses the world's second largest ship-breaking industry after China.

Xinhua



Chen Yuxia, a farmer from Tancheng County of east China's Shandong Province, makes Chinese Knots during an exhibition of Shandong folk arts in Beijing, capital of China, on 16 Jan, 2011. Some 4,000 artworks and handicrafts made by the farmers from Shandong Province were exhibited in the National Art Museum of China. —XINHUA

Child sex trafficking in UK on the rise with younger victims being groomed

LONDON, 18 Jan—A survey has found that trafficking of British children around UK cities for sexual exploitation is on the rise with some as young as 10 being groomed by predatory abusers.

According to the report by Barnardo's, the biggest children's charity in UK, the average age of victims of such abuse has fallen from 15 to about 13 in five years.

Anne Marie Carrie, the charity's new chief executive, says the victims continue to be missed as

telltale signs are overlooked "from the frontline of children's services to the corridors of Whitehall".

"Wherever we have looked for exploitation, we have found it. But the real tragedy is we believe this is just the tip of the iceberg," the *Guardian* quoted her as saying.

She called for a minister to be put in charge of the government's response.

"Without a minister with overall responsibility the government response

is likely to remain inadequate," she stated.

The main findings from the report, called *Puppet on a String*, included, trafficking becoming more common and sexual exploitation more organised.

Grooming methods becoming more sophisticated as abusers use a range of technology - mobile phones, including texts and picture messages, Bluetooth technology, and the Internet - to control and abuse children.—*Internet*



Buildings are seen in New York, the United States, on 17 Jan, 2011. Taxes collections are expected to rise by 7.5 percent for co-op owners, and 9.6 percent for condo owners across New York City as the property-tax increases due to higher market values placed on apartment buildings by tax assessors.—XINHUA

Footages of a short film promoting China (L) are shown on the screens at the Times Square in New York, USA, on 17 Jan, 2011. The video will be on until on 14 Feb, 2011.

XINHUA



US woman finds USD 280K worth of drugs inside vacuum cleaner!

MELBOURNE, 18 Jan—An American woman has found more than a quarter-million dollars worth of drugs inside her new vacuum cleaner.

A Wisconsin woman helped police clean up 280,000 dollars worth of drugs inside her vacuum cleaner worth of drugs after she opened up a vacuum cleaner given to her for Christmas.

The woman found a secret stash of crystal meth and cocaine hidden inside the packaging, reports the *Green Bay Press Gazette*.

"This was an 'are you kidding me' incident," the *Daily Telegraph* quoted Lt. David Poteat, who heads the Brown County Drug Task Force, told the paper.

Police suspect a smuggler may have mistakenly stuffed the two

Major fire at Indian Oil Corporation depot in Mumbai

MUMBAI, 18 Jan—A major fire engulfed a depot of the state-run Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) in Mumbai in the wee hours Tuesday, though no casualties

have been reported yet, said police.

The fire broke out at the IOC's depot at Taloja in Navi Mumbai around 01:00 am, destroying around 40,000 liters of lubricant oil. The fire broke out at the facility where lubricants are blended and filled.

Some 25 fire engines were pressed into service to prevent the fire from spreading.

The fire has been partially brought under control and will be completely doused in a couple of hours.

In October 2009, at least 10 people were killed and over 100 injured in a similar fire at the IOC depot on the outskirts of the western Indian city of Jaipur. It took more than a week for this fire to die out.

Xinhua

Retired NYPD cop makes his living as a teen spy!

NEW YORK, 18 Jan—A retired NYPD cop has found a new way to keep an eye on people's misdeeds and earn daily wages at the same time.

Andy Spieler dubbed

Photo taken on 16 Jan, 2011 shows some dough models of rabbits made by local artists in Wenxi, north China's Shanxi Province, on 16 Jan, 2011.

Eighty eight pieces of work, using rabbit as main element, from 30 artists was picked out from the dough model competition which was held by the Bureau of Culture of Wenxi, Shanxi Province.—XINHUA



the "Columbo for Kids" is making a career out of snooping on wayward teens and delivering dossiers on their misdeeds to worried parents.

Spieler, who retired from the NYPD in 2002 after a 20-year-career and lives in East Meadow, LI, started doing surveillance on teens about a year ago at the behest of a worried mom.

Word spread about his specialty and business started booming, even with a 75 dollars hourly rate.

"There are a lot of anxious parents out there who suspect their kids aren't telling them the truth," the *New York Daily News* quoted Spieler, a licensed private investigator, as saying.

"They can't follow their kids because they'll be recognized, so I hit the streets for them," Spieler added.—*Internet*

Somali pirates seize Greek ship, says EU

NAIROBI/LONDON, 18 Jan—Somali pirates have seized a Greek-owned ship, the MV Eagle, in the Gulf of Aden, the European Union's anti-piracy force EU NAVFOR said Monday.

EU NAVFOR said pirates fired small arms and a rocket-propelled grenade before boarding the Cypriot-flagged ship in the early hours of Monday morning.

There has since been no contact with the ship, which has a crew of 24 Filipinos, EU NAVFOR said in a statement.

The latest seizure follows the Sunday release of another Greek ship, the MV Motivator, which had a crew of 18 Filipinos. Pirates seized the vessel 4 July, EU NAVFOR said.—*Internet*

Pirates capture 1,181 hostages at sea in 2010



An armed pirate walking past skiffs, used to raid ships on the high-seas, at the coastal town of Hobyo, northeastern Somalia, in 2010.

INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Jan—A global maritime watchdog says pirates captured a record-setting 1,181 hostages in 2010 as ship hijackings in waters off Somalia escalated.

The International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting center says attackers seized 53 vessels worldwide last year. All but four of them were off the coast of Somalia.

The Kuala Lumpur-based centre's director, Pottengal Mukundan, said Tuesday that the numbers of hostages and vessels taken were the highest since the centre began monitoring attacks in 1991. Eight crew members were killed in the attacks.

The centre says in its annual report that the Somali attacks accounted for 1,016 hostages held for ransom. The pirates still had 28 vessels and 638 captives at the end of 2010.—*Internet*

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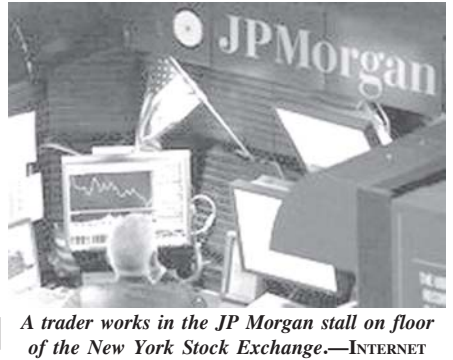
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Asian shares mixed after China central bank move
 TOKYO, 18 Jan — Asian shares were mixed on Monday as investors digested the latest move by China to curb a flood of money in the world's second-largest economy following a lending spree.
 China's central bank on Friday raised the amount of money banks must keep on reserve for the seventh time in a year. It ordered state-owned banks to set aside an additional 0.5 percent of deposits as reserves, effective on 20 Jan.
 The central bank occasionally uses increases in bank reserves to help reduce the amount of cash circulating in the economy. The frenzy of lending over the past two years has helped China rebound quickly from the global crisis. But, combined with bad weather



US pomp meant to improve tone of China relations

BEIJING, 18 Jan — Chinese leader Hu Jintao is being feted in Washington this week with a lavish state banquet at the White House and other pomp usually reserved for close friends and allies — all intended to improve the tone of relations between a risen, more assertive and prosperous China and a US superpower in a tenuous economic recovery.

The shaky trust between the United States and China has been eroding recently because of an array of issues — currency policies and trade barriers, nuclear proliferation and North Korea — and both sides seem to recognize the need to recalibrate relations.
 The US is one of China's biggest markets, with \$380 billion in annual trade largely in Beijing's favour. Washington in-



Chinese President Hu Jintao
 creasingly needs Beijing's help in managing world troubles, from piracy off Africa to Iran's nuclear programme and reinvigorating the world economy.—INTERNET



Lebanon's former Prime Minister Fouad Siniora (L-R), Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri, Member of Parliament Bahia al-Hariri and Member of Parliament Samir al-Jiser attend their majority parliamentary bloc meeting in Beirut on 16 Jan, 2011.
 INTERNET

Turkey, Qatar, Syria to discuss Lebanon crisis

ANKARA, 18 Jan — A news agency says the leaders of Turkey, Qatar and Syria will meet in the Syrian capital Damascus to discuss the political crisis in Lebanon after a Hezbollah-led coalition toppled the country's Western-backed government.
 Anatolia news agency, citing Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Selcuk Unal, said on Sunday that Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan will meet Qatar's Emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, and Syrian President Bashar

Assad on Monday. Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, who is in Iraq, will also travel to Syria for the meeting.
 Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Saad Hariri visited Turkey on Friday as part of efforts to rally support after ministers allied to the Shiite militant group resigned on Wednesday, bringing down his government.
 INTERNET

Vietnam's communists vote on new leaders

HANOI, 18 Jan — Vietnam's ruling communists met on Monday to pick new leaders, who are expected to oversee a drive to modernise the economy while refusing to abandon the country's authoritarian political system.
 The secretive congress aims to map out the country's direction for the next five years in the face of mounting economic challenges including rising in-

flation and a weakening currency. Nearly 1,400 delegates voted for an elite Central Committee, which party sources say has taken on an increasingly important role as the communists pursue more internal debate.
 "Frankly, I think that is the only way forward for the Communist Party, to have more choice within the party," a foreign diplomat said.—INTERNET



A rescue worker (bottom R) reacts after throwing water on his face as search for bodies continue after a landslide in Nova Friburgo on 17 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Brazil rescuers find flood victims trapped for days

NOVA FRIBURGO, 18 Jan — Brazilian Army helicopters stepped up rescue and supply operations on Monday in areas hit by floods and landslides that have killed at least 665 people, reaching residents who had been cut off from help for five days.
 One helicopter team rescued five people in the morning, the Air Force said in a statement, as clearer weather allowed

the aircraft to navigate more safely around the craggy terrain north of Rio de Janeiro City.
 Hundreds of people are believed to still be in areas at risk of fresh mudslides, some of them cut off from help by smashed roads and bridges while others refuse to leave for fear their houses will be raided by looters. The Army is operating four helicopters from a

makeshift base on the training ground for Brazil's national soccer team in the town of Teresopolis.
 "It's impossible to calculate how many people are still buried," Vice Governor of Rio de Janeiro Luis Fernando Pezao told Reuters. "Our numbers are based on the coroner and the fire department but there are a lot of people still buried."—INTERNET

Mass cops: Fake ER valet nabs expecting mom's car

Police say a fake valet at a Massachusetts emergency room offered to park a pregnant woman's car, then drove away with it.

Lowell police Capt. Kelly Richardson tells the Boston Herald that the woman drove herself to Lowell General Hospital at 3 am Friday while suffering labour pains.

She parked outside the emergency room doors and was met by a man wearing a uniform-style shirt who introduced himself as the valet.

The man said she couldn't park there but volunteered to take her keys and move the car. Then, police say, he drove away.

While being admitted, the woman was told the hospital didn't offer a valet service.

The car was found Saturday morning. Police are examining it for fingerprints and other evidence to try to find the suspect.

News Album



A passenger buys fruits in a vending machine at a subway station in Shanghai, east China. Fruit vending machines have been placed in subway stations of Shanghai in recent days.

Chocolate flowers: Mainland artist wows crowd in Taipei

Bouquets of chocolate flowers, crafted by a mainland artist, are wowing audiences on Taipei Island.

The peonies, roses, and mums are not real, as they're made of the sweet treat. The idea was the brainstorm of 26-year old Wu Wen, after she was invited to a chocolate art show in the city of Taizhong. After warming up the ingredients, the artist flattened everything as thin as paper, collected the small pieces layer by layer, and shaped the parts into flora.

Audience members say the flowers look incredibly real, and express amazement over her skills.

The artist adds that it took her 10 hours a day, over the course of a week, to master the skills needed to carve each type of flower.



Colombian William Chavarriaga, 49, performs as cartoon character Popeye the Sailor at Olaya Herrera Airport in Medellin, Antioquia department, Colombia.

Rat runs across British PM's doorstep

An unexpected appearance by a rat surprised viewers of a live telecast outside the residence of the British Prime Minister.

The BBC said the rodent scurried over the doorstep of 10 Downing Street, the official residence of Prime Minister David Cameron, during a Sunday broadcast by political correspondent Gary O'Donoghue.

The rat's brush with political fame was captured on camera, the BBC said.

Massive beer tanks reach Toronto brewer

Six enormous beer tanks made in Germany ended 10 days of road transport Monday when they reached a brewery in Toronto six days late.

Six articulated flatbed trucks set out from Hamilton, Ontario, on 7 Jan and were scheduled to deliver the huge tanks four days later to the Molson Coors brewery in northwestern Toronto, near the airport.

The tanks were sent by ship and had to bypass the port of Toronto as their

size made it impossible for them to be trucked through the city, the Toronto Star said. The fermentation tanks are each 150 feet long, 25 feet high and more than 23 feet wide, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp said.

That meant the 40-mile, walking pace overnight road trek from Hamilton to Toronto required electric power and other utility cables to be lifted or even temporarily severed and

traffic lights to be moved to allow the convoy of trucks and support vehicles through.

A snowstorm and an underestimation of logistics created the six-day delay, transportation marshal Frank DeVries told the Star.

The tanks that each weigh almost 100,000 pounds empty hold a total of 6 million bottles of beer, the CBC said. Molson Coors is spending about \$24 million on the whole project, the company said.

Diane Warren write song for Justin Bieber movie

LOS ANGELES, 18 Jan—Believe it. "Never Say Never," Justin Bieber's highly anticipated 3D movie, is coming out on 11 February and will include a new song written by Diane Warren, THR has learned. Hours after winning a Golden Globe for "You Haven't Seen the Last of Me," sung by Cher in the movie "Burlesque," the veteran songwriter revealed her latest surefire smash, called "Born to Be Somebody."

"It's a beautiful song," said Warren at the Fox after-party. "That's a good age difference between Cher and Justin — 40 years!"

Always a versatile collaborator who's written hits for Celine Dion ("Because You Loved Me"), Toni Braxton ("Unbreak My Heart") and Aerosmith ("I Don't Want to Miss a Thing"), Warren said she "just finished" the track, which is a good thing considering the film opens wide in less than a month.

Bieber made a Globes appearance as well on Sunday night, presenting the best animated feature award, with "True Grit" star Hailee Steinfeld, to "Toy Story 3."—Reuters

Kidman, Urban have 2nd child through surrogate



Actress Nicole Kidman and her husband, musician Keith Urban, arrive at the 68th annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, California, on 16 Jan, 2011.

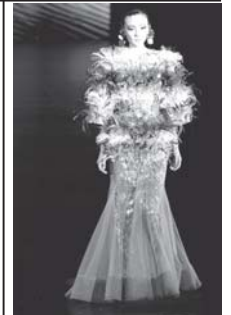
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NASHVILLE, 18 Jan—Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban have added a second daughter to their family, born through a surrogate mother.

The couple announced Monday the arrival of Faith Margaret Kidman Urban, born on 28 Dec at a Nashville, Tenn., hospital. Kidman and Urban released a statement saying they are "truly blessed" and thanked everyone for their support, "our gestational carrier" in particular.

The couple also has a 2-year-old daughter, Sunday Rose. Kidman credited her first daughter's unexpected appearance to swimming in the waters of a small Australian Outback town during the filming of "Australia." She and six other women became pregnant after swimming in Kununurra.

No other details about Faith Margaret were available.—Internet



A model presents creations designed by Barney Cheng at Hong Kong Fashion Week for Fall/Winter 2011 in south China's Hong Kong, on 17 Jan, 2011.

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Singers perform on stage during a dress rehearsal of Jean-Philippe Rameau's opera "Castor et Pollux" at Theater an der Wien in Vienna on 17 Jan, 2011. "Castor et Pollux" will premiere on 20 Jan, 2011.

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Judge: Etta James' husband may use \$60K for care

RIVERSIDE, 18 Jan—A Southern California judge has ruled that Etta James' husband may use \$60,000 of the ailing R&B singer's savings to pay for her medical care.

Riverside County Superior Court Judge Thomas Cahraman said at a hearing Friday that the money should last

until 24 Feb, when Artis Mills is expected back in court to continue seeking control of more than \$1 million of James' money.

The Riverside Press-Enterprise says Mills is challenging the legitimacy of a claim by James' son, Donto James, that his mother

gave him power of attorney in 2008.

Court documents show the 72-year-old singer of "At Last" and other standards lives in the Woodcrest area of Riverside County, has been diagnosed with dementia and is undergoing treatment for leukemia.—Internet

Atletico coach given lifeline with win over Mallorca

BARCELONA, 18 Jan — Atletico Madrid beat Real Mallorca 3-0 on Monday to maintain their hunt for a European place and ease the pressure on coach Quique Sanchez Flores.

Recent poor form including a 4-1 thumping



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by Hercules put Sanchez Flores in the firing line and there were rumours that if they lost to Mallorca and city rivals Real Madrid in their second leg cup-tie, he would be sacked.

However, Atletico responded to some good early possession from Mallorca with Juan Valera heading home a Jose Antonio Reyes corner.

Cameroon hitman Pierre Webo had a shot blocked by Atletico keeper David De Gea before Diego Forlan extended Atletico's lead.

Internet

Dortmund have won the title, says Gomez



Runaway Bundesliga leaders Borussia Dortmund will keep their nerve and win the title. —INTERNET

BERLIN, 18 Jan — Runaway Bundesliga leaders Borussia Dortmund will keep their nerve and win the title, defending champions Bayern Munich's leading scorer Mario Gomez

claimed on Monday.

Dortmund lead second-placed Hanover 96 by 12 points after 18 matches whilst Bayern are fifth, a massive 16 points adrift of the leaders after last weekend's matches which marked the resumption of league action following its winter break.

Gomez, who has scored 12 league goals for Bayern this season and 20 in all competitions, said Bayern's draw with Wolfsburg and Dortmund's defeat of Bayer Leverkusen had ended the debate. —Internet

Japan maul Saudis 5-0 to storm into Asian Cup quarters

DOHA, 18 Jan — Shinji Okazaki scored a hat-trick as Japan crushed Saudi Arabia 5-0 in their last Asian Cup group match Monday, booking a quarter-final spot and mauling the pride of their fellow three-time champions.

Ryoichi Maeda also struck twice, either side of half-time, as the Blue



Japan's forward Shinji Okazaki celebrates after scoring a goal against Saudi Arabia. —INTERNET

Samurai avenged their loss to the Saudis in the 2007 semi-finals, which denied them a record third straight continental title.

Japan had needed just a point to qualify after a draw with Jordan and a 2-1 defeat of Syria. They now face hosts Qatar in the last eight.

The Saudis had already crashed out of contention — only the second time in Asian Cup history that they have not made it to the knockout stages.

"I'm very satisfied with today's result. I think we've cleared the first hurdle of this tournament," Japan's coach Alberto Zaccheroni said. —Internet

Babel fined for Twitter post

LIVERPOOL, 18 Jan — Liverpool striker Ryan Babel has been fined 10,000 pounds (16,000 dollars) and warned about his future conduct over a posting on Twitter.

The Holland international was charged with improper conduct by the Football Association on Monday after he used the social networking site to criticise referee Howard Webb.

Babel linked to a mocked-up picture of Webb in a Manchester United shirt after Liver-



Liverpool striker Ryan Babel

pool lost 1-0 at Old Trafford in the FA Cup following a controversial first-minute penalty.

He also wrote: "And they call him one of the best referees? That's a joke. SMH (shaking my head)." —Internet

Real Madrid interested in Tevez: report

MADRID, 18 Jan — Real Madrid may try to sign Manchester City striker Carlos Tevez if they fail to lure Hamburg striker Ruud van Nistelrooy, sports daily Marca said on Monday.

Tevez made a shock transfer request in December, blaming bad relations with the City management, but withdrew the demand later in the month after clear-the-air talks with the Premier League club.

Real Madrid had already contacted City, Marca said.

There were two big hurdles, the paper said: firstly, that City would insist on a transfer rather

than a loan, and secondly that a transfer would cost 40 million euros and the Argentine's annual salary was eight million euros.

Hamburg has rebuffed Real Madrid's efforts to bring over 34-year-old Van Nistelrooy, saying he will not be allowed to leave and must complete his contract. —Internet



Manchester City striker Carlos Tevez

Villa bid 21.5 mn euros for Sunderland's Bent

LONDON, 18 Jan — Striker Darren Bent has stunned Sunderland by demanding a transfer as Aston Villa made a 21.5-million-euro bid for the England international, the Press Association reported on Monday.

Black Cats boss Steve Bruce has turned down the transfer after signing Bent last season and being rewarded with 25 goals. The former Ipswich and Charlton frontman has a tally of 11 strikes so far in the current campaign.

Bruce invested a club-record fee in excess of

15.5 million euros for Ghana international striker Asamoah Gyan to play alongside Bent ahead of this season, but it appears he now faces a fight to keep the pair together. —Internet



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Tiago calls time on international career

LISBON, 18 Jan — Atletico Madrid's Portuguese midfielder Tiago announced on Monday that he is retiring from international football.

"The time has come to call time on this fantastic experience," Tiago wrote in a letter made public by the Portuguese football federation. The 29-year-old said that he was making the decision "for personal reasons" and to allow "new Portuguese footballing values to find their place."

Tiago, who has 58 caps for the national side,



Atletico Madrid's Portuguese midfielder Tiago. —INTERNET

made his international debut against Scotland in 2002 and has scored three goals.

The former Chelsea, Benfica and Lyon player is currently on loan with Primal Liga club Atletico from Serie A side Juventus. —Internet

SPORTS

Venus Williams sends out Open warning

MELBOURNE, 18 Jan — Venus Williams sent out a warning on Monday as she outshone some of her biggest rivals on day one of the Australian Open. Williams overcame a sluggish start to overpower Italy's Sara Errani 6-3, 6-2, as top seed Caroline Wozniacki, former winners Maria Sharapova and Justine Henin, and French Open champion Francesca Schiavone all struggled to impress.

Wozniacki took 1hr 40min to see off Gisela Dulko 6-3, 6-4, Sharapova struggled with her serve before beating Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-1, 6-3, and Henin had to pull out all stops to beat Indian qualifier Sania Mirza 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.



US tennis star Venus Williams plays a stroke during her match against Sara Errani of Italy. —INTERNET

Meanwhile French Open champion Schiavone lost the first set to Arantxa Parra Santonja before eventually winning 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 6-4. —Internet

Marleau scores in 1,000th game, Sharks win 4-2

GLENDALE, 18 Jan — Patrick Marleau scored early in his 1,000th career NHL game and the San Jose Sharks beat Phoenix 4-2 Monday, snapping the Coyotes' four-game winning streak.

Rookie Logan Couture and Dany Heatley each had a goal and an assist for the Sharks, who won their second in a row after ending a six-game skid with a win

Saturday night against St Louis. Joe Thornton's empty-net goal with 48 seconds left sealed the victory.

Coyotes rookie Oliver Ekman-Larsson got his first NHL goal. Derek Morris also scored for Phoenix.

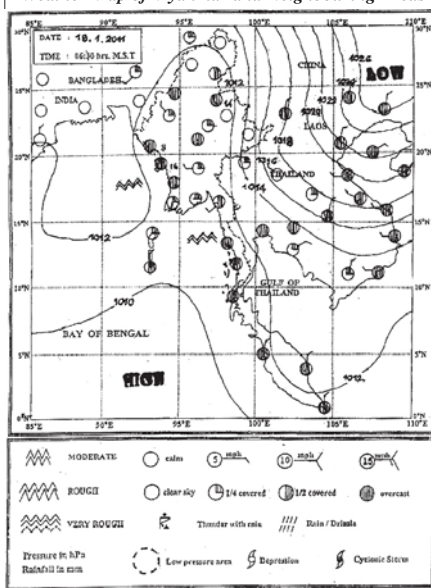
Couture's team-high 20th goal came on a power play after Phoenix came up empty in a 10-shot barrage while Heatley was serving a four-minute double minor for high sticking.

Internet

Phoenix Coyotes goalie Ilya Bryzgalov, left, of Russia, makes a glove save as San Jose Sharks cente. —INTERNET



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 18th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, Yangon Region, isolated in Shan State, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin, Chin States, Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperature in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, Magway and Bago Regions and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Putao (2°C), Machanbaw and Lashio (5°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpyu (0.59) inch, Bhamo (0.55) inch and Yangon (Central) (0.43) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 17-1-2011 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 18-1-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-1-2011 was (91%). Rainfall on 18-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 17-1-2011 was 86°F.

Minimum temperature on 18-1-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-1-2011 was (67%). Total sunshine hours on 17-1-2011 was (6.0) hours (Approx). Rainfall on 18-1-2011 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 (10) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 17-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 19th January 2011: Rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Shan States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be partly cloudy over 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: Decrease of night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-1-2011: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Lots of video gaming in kids ups anxiety

AMES, 18 Jan — A study of children in Singapore found those who play 20 hours of video games a week are more likely than others to be anxious or depressed, researchers say.

However, the study published online ahead of print in February's Pediatrics, says spending many hours with a PlayStation or an Xbox daily can lead to serious psychiatric problems in children, and "pathological" video game playing may not be just a result of pre-existing mental disorders, *MedPage Today* reported.

Douglas Gentile of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, and colleagues say depression, social difficulties and poor school performance seemed to act as outcomes of pathological gaming.

Video game-playing habits were considered pathological when children considered themselves to have at least five or 10 behaviours listed on a questionnaire, such as the hours spent playing video games, whether schoolwork suffered or whether they ever stole money to buy games, Gentile says.—*Internet*



South Korean Imperial guards wearing traditional costumes participate in a reenactment of the Royal Guards Changing Ceremony in front of Deoksu Palace in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, on 18 Jan, 2011. The palace where various Korean kings and their families have resided, was a forbidden palace to ordinary people, so it was called 'Geumgung-forbidden palace.' The royal guards protected this prohibited area and escorted the Kings.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (19-1-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	(19-1-11 09:30 am ~ 20-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
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- * Mann Shwe Settaw (Min Bu)
- * News
- * Daily Life of a Toddy-palm Climber
- * News
- * Talent Show (Ko Ko Naing- Mon State)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * The Conspicuous Dhammayangyi
- * News
- * Working and Living in Myanmar "Tea House and Internet Cafe"
- * Myanmar Movie "As her real son"



Wednesday, 19 January
View on today

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| <p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw -Uppatathandi Paritta</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning News</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Dhamma Puja Song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. Nice & Sweet Song</p> | <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. Cultural Dances</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>8. Teleplay (Industry)</p> <p>8:40 am</p> <p>9. International News</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. Musical Programme</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial Song</p> <p>4:10 pm</p> <p>2. Musical Programme</p> <p>4:20 pm</p> <p>3. Performance with song</p> <p>4:25 pm</p> <p>4. Song Of National Races</p> <p>4:30 am</p> <p>5. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition</p> | <p>4:40 pm</p> <p>6. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Chemistry)</p> <p>4:50 pm</p> <p>7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>8. Classical Songs</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>9. Musical Programme</p> <p>5:20 pm</p> <p>10. "ASEAN" Programmes</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>11. International Science News</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>12. Melody Tunes (Sogyia Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>13. Evening News</p> | <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>14. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm</p> <p>15. Traditional Boxing</p> <p>6:40 pm</p> <p>16. Shwe Yin Chone Than</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>17. Ratha Pawlwin Thayotesaung Lwin Pyin (Character Contest)</p> <p>7:40 pm</p> <p>18. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>19. News</p> <p>20. International News</p> <p>21. Weather Report</p> <p>22. Korea NG Award</p> <p>23. TV Drama Series</p> <p>24. Myanmar Drama</p> <p>25. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayayyi</p> |
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- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

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

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

Conquest of natural barrier of Yoma mountain range (Koebin-Thagaya Road)

Byline: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Kyaw Moe Lwin*



An excavator and a delivery truck carry out groundwork to build a section of Koebin-Thagaya Road.

The Ministry of Construction, adhering to the guidance of the Head of State, is upgrading to Union Highways the 36 roads stretching between south and north and 45 roads, between east and west of the nation to expedite tasks for equitable development of all parts of the nation. In the meantime, it is also building new roads. So far, it has built seven roads passing through Bago Yoma mountain ranges to successfully deal with natural barriers. (See page 9)

Slight earthquake hits Phaungpyin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today that a slight earthquake of magnitude (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about two miles southwest of Shwenyaungbin village, Phaungpyin Township) about 200 miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (8) hrs (48) min (30) sec M.S.T today.—MNA

Moderate earthquake jolts northern Sumatra

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Jan—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.7 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (northern Sumatra, Indonesia) about 950 miles south of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 18 hrs 07 min 04 sec MST on 18th January 2011.—MNA

Significant night temperatures (18-1-2011)

Haka	(1°C)
Putao	(2°C)
Machanbaw	(5°C)
Lashio	(5°C)