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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Regional development tasks gaining momentum in Kalay, Haka

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence looked into construction of the town hall and new Tarhan market in Kalay on 15 January.

Accompanied by Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council U Hong Ngai, Maj-Gen Myint Soe inspected repaving of Kalay-Thaingngin

Road and maintenance of Kalay-Falam-Haka Road.

At Ngahsitva Hydropower Plant, Maj-Gen Myint Soe viewed maintenance of machine and supply of electricity and then looked into progress of Falam. While in Falam, he met servicemen and family members at the local battalion.

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## True patriotism

- \* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- \* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## Kaunghmulon suspension bridge contributing to development of Kachin State

Byline: *Than Than Nu*



Opening ceremony for Kaunghmulon suspension bridge in Putao Township.

Myanmar is home to all national races. For equitable development of the states and regions of the nation, the government is making earnest efforts designating 24 special regions in which one Arts and Science University, one Technological University, one University of Computer Studies and one 200-bed hospital each were built.

Transportation is part and parcel of regional development. Kaunghmulon suspension bridge on Putao-Htawadam-Kaunghmulon-Naungmon road which is vital for development of Kachin State including Putao Township was inaugurated on 28 November 2010.

Thanks to emergence of Kaunghmulon suspension bridge, all the people living in immediate environs can further develop acquaintance with each others through the bridge. Prior to the bridge construction, local people from Putao to Machanbaw, Naungmon, Pannandin and Khaunglanphu had to cross the Malikha River by wooden motorboat near Htawadam Village of Putao Township. They were often at risk due to poor transportation. In rainy season, the Malikha River made it difficult that the local people had to cross and to keep them waiting for long time, and even caused the short of local food sufficiency resulting from poor transport means.

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Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint receives Minister-in-Charge Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan. PAGE 7



Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint poses for documentary photo together with attendees at the 9th BCIM Forum. PAGE 2



A man distributes free food as part of the "Comedor Popular" programme by Mexico City's authorities at the Monument of the Revolution in Mexico City on 19 January, 2011. PAGE 5

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Try to develop Myanmar film world

Cinema is not only a form of public entertainment but also an impetus for the public to gain knowledge and promote their spiritual development. Particularly, it is an art that can change the spirit of the youth.

With advancing technologies, movies are found to be made with state-of-the-art equipment. The Myanmar movie standard has improved as well in terms of mechanical sector.

In retrospect, those from the Myanmar film world had to make movies amidst technical problems and lack of equipment, especially in the pre-war period. Anyhow, they have made a titanic effort to reach the status of today's film industry by leaving behind the age of silent movies.

Throughout the independence struggles, the country was able to arouse the nationalistic and independence spirit of the people through the cinematic strength.

Those from the Myanmar film industry have played their part in safeguarding and maintaining Myanmar's independence both in times of emergencies and in nation-building tasks.

The Myanmar film world has had a history of pride and glory. The people of the movie industry are not only trying their best for the development of the Myanmar film world and but also shouldering national duties.

Overall, the new generation of the Myanmar film world are required to strive to meet the international standard by maintaining the fine traditions handed down by their doyen artists from successive periods.

## People's Desire

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

### A&I Minister receives IMF mission leader

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received a delegation comprising representatives from the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the Executive Director's Office of South-East Asian Voting Group led by Ms Meral Karasulu, leader of the International Monetary Fund Mission at the hall of the ministry, here, this afternoon.



Minister U Htay Oo receives the delegation led by IMF Mission Leader Ms. Meral Karasulu.

MNA

### U Cho Tun Aung accredited to Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Cho Tun Aung as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Cambodia.—MNA

They discussed cooperation in development of agriculture sector.—MNA

### Dy FM arrives back, attending 9<sup>th</sup> BCIM Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the

Union of Myanmar U Maung Myint, at the invitation of His Excellency Mr Qin Guanrong, Governor of Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, left for Kunming, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China on 17 January, 2011 by MU 3032 to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Regional Economic Forum (BCIM Forum) from 18 to 19 January 2011.

The Forum was opened by Mr Qin Guanrong, Governor of Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China in the morning of 18 January 2011. Heads of delegations including Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint delivered opening statements.

Following the opening ceremony, paper presentation and discussion sessions took

place. Myanmar delegation led by Director U Kyaw Swa, International Organizations and Economic department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Teza Aung Win, Director, Ministry of Commerce, U Hla Myint, Assistant Director, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, U Aung Kyi, Assistant Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs presented a paper during the panel discussion. Moreover, U Win Aung, Vice President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and U Moe Kyaw, the Executive Committee Member also attended the BCIM Forum.

At the end of the Forum on 19 January 2011, the heads of the delegations signed and issued the Joint Statement on Promotion

of BCIM Regional Cooperation. The delegations of the four member countries also signed Memorandum of Understanding on Launching the Newsletter for BCIM Cooperation Forum, Minutes of the Meeting on BCIM Car Rally and the Minutes of Preparatory Meeting (MoM) on setting-up BCIM Business Council on 19 January 2011.

After attending the 9<sup>th</sup> BCIM Forum, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back from Kunming, Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China via MU 2031 at Yangon International Airport in the morning of 20 January 2011. The 9<sup>th</sup> BCIM Forum was also attended by Myanmar Consular General to Kunming U Zaw Phyo Win together with the Myanmar delegation.—MNA



Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint poses for documentary photo together with attendees at the 9<sup>th</sup> BCIM Forum.—MNA

### KNU fires launcher at a Hilux van, three passengers wounded

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—KNU insurgents are undermining stability of the State, peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order and committing various destruction activities with attempts to kill and wound innocent people and panic them.

At 10.30 am on 19 January, a KNU insurgent group opened fire at a Hilux of Kya-in-Seikkyi-Mudon

Hsinbyutaw Bus Line that left Kya-in-Seikkyi with the use of 40mm launcher. In the incident, three male passengers were wounded.

The injured were rushed to Chunghnakhwa Station Hospital in Kyaikmaraw Township and provided with necessary medical treatments. The Tatmadaw columns are in a hot pursuit of KNU insurgent group.—MNA



Seoul citizens watch breaking news about a South Korean navy operation against Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean.— INTERNET

## S Korean navy rescues hijacked cargo ship, sailors

SEOUL, 21 Jan — South Korean naval forces rescued 21 sailors and their cargo ship hijacked last week in the Arabian Sea by Somali pirates, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said Friday.

The unprecedented rescue operation, initiated early Friday morning in the Arabian Sea, left eight Somali pirates dead and five captivated.

"The operation demonstrated the government's strong resolution that we will never make concessions about illegal activities by pirates," Lee Sung-ho at the JCS told reporters in a briefing. The South Korean captain has sustained a gun wound on his stomach but is not in a critical condition, the official added.

The 11,500-ton Samho Jewelry was sailing from the United Arab Emirates en route to Sri Lanka when hijacked last Saturday. Twenty-one crew members, including eight South Koreans, two Indonesians and 11 others from Myanmar, were aboard the South Korean-owned cargo vessel.

Xinhua

## Afghan soldier kills NATO service member, wounds another

KABUL, 21 Jan—The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) confirmed Thursday that firing by an Afghan soldier claimed the life of an alliance trooper and injured another.

"One International Security Assistance Force service member was killed and another wounded by an Afghan National Army soldier in Murghab District, Badghis Province 18 Jan," a statement released by the military alliance here said.

It also said that "The two ISAF service members were cleaning their weapons at an ISAF combat outpost when an Afghan Army soldier approached them with an M-16 asking to use their equipment to clean his weapon. The two ISAF service members noticed the Afghan soldier's weapon was loaded and asked him to unload it."—Xinhua



Law enforcement officers stand near the spot where a Miami-Dade police officer was killed and another was wounded and later died after a shooting erupted in Miami, Florida.

INTERNET

## Two police officers killed in Miami shootout

MIAMI, 21 Jan—Two police officers were killed, along with a suspect, in a shootout in northern Miami when officers raided a home, officials said.

Authorities identified the officers as Roger Castillo, who was killed at the scene, and Amanda Haworth, who died a short time later during surgery.

Gunfire erupted as police entered the home in the low-income Liberty City neighbourhood looking for several wanted criminals including murder suspect Johnny Simms, who was killed in the shootout.

"They made contact with a member of the family who said that they would be right back," Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez told reporters at the scene. "They didn't come out. Obviously, they encountered the subject. There were gunshots exchanged."

Simms, 23, was described by Miami-Dade Police Director James Loftus as a "career criminal," who was released from prison last year after serving time for armed robbery.—Internet

## Car bombs kill 51 in attack on Iraqi pilgrims

BAGHDAD, 21 Jan—Three suicide car bombers struck Shiite pilgrims south of Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 51 people and wounding more than 180 in a third straight day of attacks across Iraq.

The string of assaults, reminiscent of the bloodiest days of the Iraq war, shattered a two-month lull and presented a major challenge to the new

government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who must soon decide whether to ask US forces to stay after the end of the year.

Thursday's attacks were particularly significant because most of the victims were Shiite civilians, the government's core constituency. A lawma-ker allied with anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose support for al-

Maliki was crucial in enabling him to remain prime minister, accused government security forces of "not acting in a professional manner" to protect the pilgrims.

"I expect the attacks will continue ... due to the negligence of the security forces," the lawmaker, Hakim al-Zamili, told The Associated Press.

Internet

## Nigerian police arrest two oil pipeline vandals

LAGOS, 21 Jan—The police in Lagos have arrested two suspects including a woman for allegedly vandalising a pipeline belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

State police spokesperson Frank Mba told reporters on Thursday that the suspects were arrested while siphoning fuel from the pipeline.

Mba said the suspects were arrested on Tuesday with a Renault truck, loaded with petroleum product believed to have been stolen. "The vehicle was loaded with 42 drums of petrol," Mba said.

Xinhua

## Blair set for second grilling on Iraq War



Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

INTERNET

LONDON, 21 Jan—Former Prime Minister Tony Blair will appear Friday before an inquiry into the Iraq War for a second public grilling to clarify earlier evidence detailing his reasons for joining the controversial invasion.

Blair, who sent 45,000 British troops to join the US-led invasion in 2003, told the inquiry

in his first appearance that Saddam Hussein was a threat to the world who had to be removed or disarmed.

He also said he had no regrets about the military action, a comment that angered some of the relatives of the 179 British soldiers killed in Iraq.

The inquiry, which began in November 2009 and is headed by former civil servant John Chilcot, was set up by Blair's successor Gordon Brown to learn lessons from the conflict and is not designed to assign guilt or blame to any individual.—Reuters



Iraqi soldiers inspect the wreckage of vehicles at the scene of a car bomb attack in the holy city of Kerbala, south of Baghdad, on 20 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET



## Swiss collector returns four ancient mummies to Chile

GENEVA, 21 Jan—A Swiss collector has returned four pre-Columbian mummies to Chile, including two that are believed to be up to 7,000 years old.

The Swiss government says the unnamed collector agreed to voluntarily hand the mummies over to Chile. They were discovered near the country's northern Atacama desert.

Two of the mummies date back to the Chinchorro period that lasted from 5,000 to 1,500 BC. This makes them

older than the famed 3,300-year-old mummy of ancient Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun.

A third mummy belongs to an unspecified pre-Columbian period while the fourth dates to the time of the Spanish arrival in what is now Chile in the early to mid-1500s.

The preserved bodies were handed over to Chilean government officials Thursday at a small ceremony in Geneva.

*Internet*

## US atom smasher to be shut down

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan—The planned shutdown of the Fermilab Tevatron ends hopes it might win the race to find the most sought after particle in high-energy physics, US scientists say.

The US Department of Energy informed the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory it was unable to come up with a \$35 million a year to keep the Tevatron running until

2014, *ScienceNews.com* reported on Thursday.

The energy department's advisory panel on high energy physics had recommended the Tevatron be operated for an additional three years after the European physics consortium CERN announced its more powerful Large Hadron Collider would close down for all of 2012 for repairs, but the

department said the Tevatron in Batavia, Ill, would cease operating in September of this year.

CERN's yearlong shutdown had seemed to offer an opportunity for the Tevatron to close in on the Higgs boson, a particle whose existence would explain the origin of mass in subatomic particles.

"The Tevatron has now accumulated enough data to be sensitive to the mass of the Higgs [as predicted] in the standard model" of elementary particle physics, says Stefan Soldner-Rembold, a physicist based at the University of Manchester in England, who is a spokesperson for one of the Tevatron's two main experiments. "We have reached a threshold and it seems like a waste to turn [the Tevatron] off at such a moment when one is almost there."

*Internet*



*This is a Eurypterid (sea scorpion) from the Soom Shale, South Africa. This fossil is approximately 440 million years old. It is so well-preserved that you can see its muscle blocks, gills and paddles that it used for swimming.—INTERNET*

NASA said it was planning to launch the Glory satellite in late February. "Glory is going to help scientists tackle one of the major uncertainties in climate change predictions identified by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.—INTERNET

## NASA prepares climate science launch

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan—NASA says it's nearly ready to launch a new Earth-observing research satellite, scheduled to lift off from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California next month.



The Glory mission, scheduled for 23 Feb, will improve understanding of how the sun and tiny atmospheric particles called aerosols affect Earth's climate, and will continue a legacy of long-term solar measurements intended to address key uncertainties about climate change, a NASA release said on Thursday.

Once in orbit Glory

will join a fleet called the Afternoon Constellation or "A-train" satellites, a group of Earth-observing satellites, including NASA's Aqua and Aura spacecraft, that flies in tight formation.

Glory will fly in a low-Earth orbit at an altitude of 438 miles and is intended to collect data for at least three years.

*Internet*



## New apple screws keeps users out of macbook, iPhone four

NEW YORK, 21 Jan—Thinking about popping open your MacBook Pro, MacBook Air, or iPhone 4 and taking a look inside? Good luck. According to a Thursday blog post from gadget site iFixit, Apple is now using a new type of screw on some of these devices that are almost impossible to remove.

"Apple is switching to a new type of tamper-resistant screw. This is not a standard Torx, and there are no readily available screwdrivers that can remove it," according to iFixit.

These screws first appeared on the 2009 MacBook Pro, a move intended to prevent users from replacing the battery, according to iFixit. Apple also uses it on the outer case of the current MacBook Air and on some international versions of the iPhone 4.

iFixit actually first noticed the screws

when one of its employees was in Japan before the iPhone 4 launch and saw that the Japanese versions had different screws on the bottom. Apparently Apple's service manuals call them "Pentalobular" screws.

The site says Apple has switched production so that US iPhone 4 units now ship with the new screws. "If you take your phone into Apple for any kind of service, they will sabotage it by replacing your screws with the new tamper-resistant screws," iFixit wrote.

*Internet*



*The wildly popular "Angry Birds" game could become an animated series, CEO says.—INTERNET*

## 'Angry Birds' will become animated series

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan—Apparently, conquering those smarmy, snickering pigs on your phone, laptop or other mobile device isn't enough.

Now, the "Angry Birds" may be migrating to your television.

Mikael Hed is CEO of Rovio Mobile, the Finland-based company that created the ridiculously popular mobile game — in which players solve physics puzzles by flinging an armada of irritated avians at structures housing the porcine adversaries who stole their eggs.

According to C21media.net, a British television-industry site, he said plans are

under way for an animated series.

"We have been looking at that for quite a while, and that is definitely one of my personal big focus areas right now — to work on broadcast content for 'Angry Birds,'" he told the site.

The addictive game has spent time as the number-one paid iPhone app in at least 60 countries. Launched originally on Apple's iOS operating system, "Angry Birds" expanded rapidly in 2010 and is now available on multiple platforms including Android, PC and Symbian and traditional gaming consoles.

*Internet*

## Starbucks starts accepting mobile payments nationwide

NEW YORK, 21 Jan—Nearly 6,800 company-operated Starbucks stores in the US will begin accepting mobile payments Wednesday.

Customers using the Starbucks Card Mobile app on their iPhone, iPod touch or BlackBerry will now be able to use those devices as tender.

The nationwide rollout marks the official launch of the Starbucks Card Mobile payment programme, which has been piloted at Target stores and select San Francisco, Seattle and New York Starbucks locations.

Starbucks Card Mobile lets users add their Starbucks Cards, track rewards and reload cards as needed via PayPal or credit card. To pay with their phone, app users simply select "touch to pay" and hold up the barcode on their mobile device screen to the 2-D scanner at the register.

Starbucks is using its own custom-built technology to enable the 2-D mobile barcode scans. The coffee retailer opted for barcode scanning over near field communication technology — which Google is exploring — because of its limited availability.

The coffee retailer was reluctant to wait for a NFC ecosystem to develop when its customers have expressed interest in mobile payments now, according to Chuck Davidson, the category manager of innovation on the Starbucks Card team.—*Internet*



*Starbucks is using its own custom-built technology to enable the 2-D mobile barcode scans.—INTERNET*

# Health

## Asthma can lead to lung-function loss

ATLANTA, 21 Jan—US researchers caution severe asthma in children may lead to premature lung-function loss. Researchers at Atlanta's Emory University School of Medicine found airflow limitation changes in children with severe asthma — despite higher doses of inhaled corticosteroids and controller medication. These children showed significantly lower lung function versus children with mild-to-moderate asthma.

The study published in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* also found daily asthma symptoms of coughing, wheezing and sensitization to aero-allergens noted during the initial evaluation predicted lung declines of greater than 1 percent per year.

"Severe asthma in children is a challenging disorder," Anne Fitzpatrick said in a statement. "It is important for physicians to identify those children with severe asthma who are at risk for lung function decline. With early identification, physicians can customize treatment plans and educate families on lifestyle changes that may help children with severe asthma breathe easier as they grow older."—Internet



People are pictured wearing masks as they visit a hospital in Hong Kong, in 2009. Two people were in critical condition in a Hong Kong hospital suffering from swine flu on Friday, according to health officials, a year and a half after an outbreak that killed more than 80 people in the city.—INTERNET

### Health Tip: Seniors, focus on nutrition

It's important to eat properly at any age, particularly for seniors.

The American Academy of Family Physicians says malnutrition in seniors can lead to a range of additional health problems:

- \* Unintended weight loss.
- \* Fatigue.
- \* Muscle weakening and lack of strength.
- \* Feeling depressed.
- \* Memory loss.
- \* Compromised immunity from infection.
- \* Anemia.—Internet

## CDC uses surveillance to track influenza

ATLANTA, 21 Jan—US health officials say they used community-based surveillance — telephone inquiries — to track influenza-like illness during the 2009-2010 flu season.

Thursday's Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report said most influenza surveillance is done in hospitals or doctor's offices, where cases can be tracked and some are confirmed through testing, but this study monitored influenza-like illness by calling people at home and asking them questions about their symptoms.

"Community-based surveillance of influenza-like illness described in this report provided the only source of information regarding persons with influenza-like illness who did not seek care during the 2009-10 influenza season," the report said. "Results indicate that influenza-like illness reports were widespread during the 2009-2010 influenza season, with a substantial percentage seeking care for their symptoms."

Influenza-like illness peaked in October and November 2009 and was more common among younger respondents and American Indian adults and children, the report said.

Health officials at the CDC said they are continuing to use the influenza-like illness questioning during the 2010-2011 influenza season to better understand year-to-year trends and factors associated with reported influenza-like illness.

Internet



A general view of Stafford Hospital as the Public Inquiry into Stafford Hospital begins at Stafford Civic Centre on 8 Nove, 2010 in Stafford, England. The public inquiry was announced in June by the coalition government who said that families had the right to know how their relatives died. The inquiry comes after a private inquiry by the previous government following concerns about high death rates and poor care at the hospital run by Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust between 2005 and 2008.

INTERNET

# Business

## Hong Kong's CPI rises 3.1 pct in December

HONG KONG, 21 Jan— Hong Kong's overall consumer prices rose 3.1 percent in December over a year earlier, larger than the corresponding increase of 2.9 percent recorded in November, the Census and Statistics Department of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government said on Thursday.

The department said the economy is likely to face higher inflationary pressures in the coming months, due partly to the pick-up in import prices amid rising global food and commodity prices, and partly to the gradual building up of domestic price pressures along with the strong pace of economic expansion.

Netting out the effects of all Government one-off relief measures, the year-on-year rate of increase in the Composite Consumer Price Index in December was 2.8 percent, larger than that in November, mainly due to increases in private housing rentals and the cost of meals bought away from home.—Xinhua

## Blockbuster gets bankruptcy plan extension

DALLAS, 21 Jan— US video retail chain Blockbuster Inc has until on 21 March to file a bankruptcy plan and 20 May to solicit votes on the plan, a federal bankruptcy judge ruled. Besides signing ex-tension, Judge Burton R. Lifland of US Bankruptcy Court in New York Thursday approved Block-buster's motion on procedures it will use to continue closing its stores, *The Wall Street Journal* reported. Landlords called Blockbuster's motion an effort to gain "unilateral and virtually unre-stricted" power to close its stores, arguing unsuccessfully that Blockbuster shouldn't be allowed use of common space to advertise its sales, and that auctioning off items in its store would violate its lease agreement.

Lifland also ruled against an attempt by an ad-hoc committee of Blockbuster equity holders to examine Block-buster's books.—Internet

## HSBC cuts 500 US jobs, pares credit card work

NEW YORK, 21 Jan—HSBC Holdings Plc (HSBA.L) is laying off about 500 employees as it ends credit card customer service and collections work at a centre in New Castle, Delaware. The cuts were revealed one day after American Express Co (AXP.N), the credit card and travel services company, said it would cut 550 jobs as it handles more customer business online.

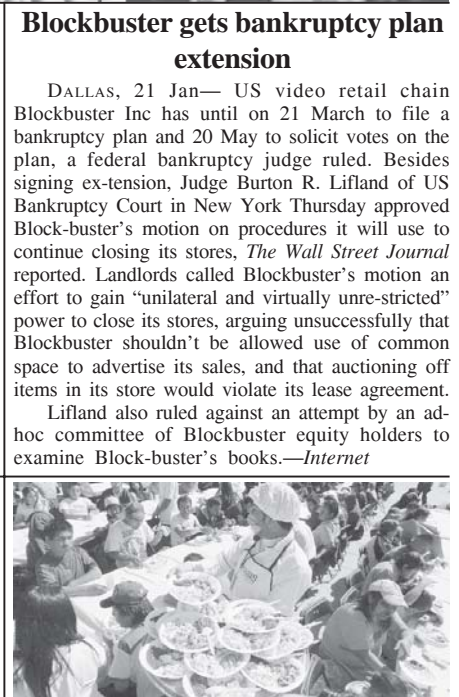
HSBC said it will continue its insurance underwriting and insurance customer services operations at the Delaware centre, where about 700

people will remain employed. The British bank expects to eliminate the 500 jobs by midyear.

The decision to cut jobs took into consideration "a range of factors, as part of ongoing efforts to balance customer service and business support needs with staffing levels" across the US credit card network, HSBC spokesman Rob Sherman said. Affected workers began receiving notifications this week, and will have priority in applying for other jobs at HSBC, he added.—Reuters



A long-exposure photo taken on 19 Jan, 2011 shows World Economic Forum (WEF) logos during a press conference of WEF founder and executive chairman Klaus Schwab about the 26 to 30 Jan WEF annual meeting at forum headquarters in Cognjy, near Geneva. Heavyweights from the worlds of business and politics will gather for the forum in the Swiss Alpine resort of Davos.—INTERNET



A man distributes free food as part of the "Comedor Popular" programme by Mexico City's authorities at the Monument of the Revolution in Mexico City on 19 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

## California governor declares fiscal emergency

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Jan—California Governor Jerry Brown declared a state of fiscal emergency on Thursday for the government of the most populous US State to press lawmakers to tackle its \$25.4 billion budget gap.

Democrat Brown's declaration follows a similar one made last month by his predecessor, former Republican Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Democrats who control the legislature declined to act on Schwarzenegger's declaration, saying



*California Governor Jerry Brown introduces his budget proposal in Sacramento, California on 10 January, 2011.*

INTERNET

they would instead wait to work on budget matters with Brown, who served two terms as California's governor in the 1970s and 1980s.

Brown was sworn in to his third term early this month and has presented lawmakers with a plan to

balance the state's books with \$12.5 billion in spending cuts and revenue from tax extensions that voters must first approve.

Brown has said he wants lawmakers to act on his plan by March. His fiscal emergency declaration is meant to underscore that

target, a spokeswoman said.

Brown's declaration, which is largely procedural, says it affirms Schwarzenegger's December declaration, giving lawmakers 45 days to address the state's fiscal troubles.

The 72-year-old governor also wants the legislature to back a ballot measure for a special election in June that would ask voters to extend tax increases expiring this year to help fill the state budget's shortfall.

Reuters

## One killed, five injured in bus crash at Frankfurt Airport

BERLIN, 21 Jan—A bus crashed into a group of people waiting at a bus stop on the loop around Frankfurt Airport, leaving one dead and five injured on Thursday morning, police said.

The accident happened at about 8:20 am local time in the Lufthansa cargo area of the airport, said police.

The bus ran over several people. One was killed at the site, two were seriously injured and the other three were slightly hurt, police said.

The bus was not for passengers but a commuting bus for the airport staff, the airport operator said.

Investigation is underway. However, the reason for the accident and whether there are passengers in the bus remain unclear as the driver was in shock and has been sent to hospital.

Xinhua

## 24 pilot whales die in New Zealand stranding

WELLINGTON, 21 Jan—New Zealand conservation officials on Friday euthanized 10 pilot whales, the only survivors of a 24-strong pod that became stranded in a mangrove swamp.

The whales had been found earlier in the day trapped in the shallow

water and mud in Parengarenga Harbour on North Island, with 14 already dead.

The mammals had been there for some time and the 10 survivors were in poor shape, said Department of Conservation area manager Jonathan Maxwell.

With worsening weather and a high tide more than eight hours away, "the chance of successfully refloating the whales was virtually nil," Maxwell said.

"Sadly, the current conditions were against these animals. The kindest thing was to end their suffering," he said. "If we felt there was a real

chance we could have successfully rescued them, we would have."

Pilot whales travel in pods of family groups and when one becomes stranded, others follow to try to help and also become stuck.

Pilot whales are the most common whale species in New Zealand waters, and are normally between 13-19 feet (4-6 metres) in length.

Last week, volunteers and conservation workers successfully refloated one young Gray's Beaked whale after it stranded. Four other adult mammals died on the beach.

Internet

*This file photo provided by Department Of Conservation shows a stranded pilot whales 320 kilometres northwest of Auckland, in 2010.*

INTERNET



## Gunfight in Mexican mall creates panic

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 21 Jan—Authorities say police battled armed suspects at a popular mall in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez, sending

terrified shoppers scrambling and leaving one officer dead.

Four other people were gravely wounded in the daylight gunfight Thursday.

Julio Castaneda is the spokesman for the Attorney General of the Northern Justice Zone.

He says the gunbattle started when the suspects entered Galerías Tec around 2 pm and were identified by police.

There was an exchange of gunfire, and shoppers began fleeing. Some people fell to the ground as they tried to get away.

Authorities didn't release the names of the wounded or of the officer killed. They also didn't say whether the wounded were civilians or suspects.

Internet



*Red Cross workers take an injured suspect to an awaiting ambulance, after a gun-battle erupted inside a shopping mall in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on 20 Jan, 2011.*

INTERNET

## Brazil to create disaster-prevention system

BRASILIA, 21 Jan—Brazil will create a nationwide disaster-prevention and early-warning system following recent floods and landslides that killed 772 people in mountain towns north of Rio de Janeiro, government officials said Thursday.

The government also will invest \$6.7 billion through 2014 in water-drainage and hillside-recovery projects across the country in an effort to prevent future flooding and slides, Planning Minister Miriam Belchior said.

"We will prioritize those places where experts say the problems are most serious," Belchior said, according to a statement issued by the



*Houses toppled by the floods in Areal, state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi offered aid Thursday to Brazil in the wake of devastating floods in the Latin American country that have killed at least 744 people, Brazilian officials said.—INTERNET*

office of President Dilma Rousseff.

Belchior said that \$5.9 billion will be used for drainage projects and the rest for the hillside-

stabilization projects. Half of the total funding will be made available to municipalities that submit plans for ongoing projects.

Internet

## MoU signed for implementation of Nam Tabat Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan— Vice-President Mr Li Hon Gyuan and party of China Guodian Corporation of the People's Republic of China called on Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min at the ministry, here, yesterday evening.

They discussed cooperation in Nam Tabat Hydropower Project.

At Yeywa Hall of the ministry, the Department of Hydropower Planning under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 held a ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on implementation of Nam Tabat Hydropower Project in Kachin State through JV/BOT system together with China Guodian Corporation of the People's Republic of China and Tun Thwin Mining Co, Ltd.

Also present on the occasion were 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 Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, directors-general, managing directors, officials, Vice-President Mr Li Hon Gyuan and party of China Guodian Corporation,



Chairman Mr Wang Junchang and party of Yunnan Yunneng Power Engineering Co, Ltd, Chairman of Tun Thwin Mining Co, Ltd U Thein Tun and officials.

Minister U Zaw Min delivered an address. The Vice-President of China Guodian Corporation spoke words of thanks for the signing ceremony.

Director-General U Kyee Soe of DHP, Vice-

*MoU signing ceremony among Department of Hydropower Planning, China Guodian Corporation and Tun Thwin Mining Co, Ltd for the development of Nam Tabat Hydropower Project in progress.—MNA*

President Mr Li Hon Gyuan of China Guodian Corporation and Chairman of Tun Thwin Mining Co, Ltd U Thein Tun signed the MoU.

The MoU signing ceremony took place for implementation of Namtabat Hydropower Project on Namtabat River, 45 miles southeast of Myitkyina of Kachin State, through JV/BOT system.—MNA

## Health Minister receives Minister-in-Charge of Bhutan



**Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint receives Minister-in-Charge Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan.**

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Minister-in-Charge Mr Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan at the Ministry of Health, here, at 2 pm today.

The guest conveyed thanks of the Bhutanese Government and the people for duty assignments of Myanmar medical specialists in Bhutan and discussed further cooperation in health sector between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and officials.

MNA

## Cash assistance provided to war veterans in Pyinmana Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Myanmar War Veterans Organization Headquarters and Pyinmana Township WVO jointly held the ceremony to present cash assistance to war veterans aged 75 and

above at the hall of Pyinmana Township WVO on 19 January. Chairman of Township WVO Major Myat Lwin (Rtd) and the Secretary of Township Peace and Development Council spoke on the

occasion.

They presented cash assistance to 22 war veterans and nine outstanding students who secured distinctions in 2009-2010 matriculation examination.

MNA

## COTTO Sanitary Ware & Fittings on display at Automobile & Autoparts Expo

YANGON, 21 Jan—COTTO Sanitary Ware & Fittings are displaying their products at Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011 being shown from 21 to 24 January at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here.

COTT products can be available on a door-to-door service basis. Its showrooms are open at No.238, Pyay Road, (Myenigone) Sangyoung Township (Ph: 524609), No.143-144-145, Pyay Road, 10-mile Hillock near the airport, Insein Township (Ph:660417), No.186, Wayzantaya Road near 16 Turning, South



Oakkalapa Township (Ph:571465), Room-2, Hostel-29, Kyauksein 6 Street, Sawbwagyigone, Insein Township, Yangon (Ph: 642171).

MNA

**COTTO Sanitary Ware & Fittings show room seen in Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011.—MNA**

## Kaunghmulon suspension...

(from page 1)

With the emergence of Kaunghmulon suspension bridge, local people are now able to travel to other regions safe and sound and commodity flow is smoother than ever before.

Kaunghmulon suspension bridge is RC bailey one. It is 700 feet long and can withstand 10 tons of loads. Construction of the bridge started on 19 August 2004. It is 250th of 180-feet-above bridges in the nation and 20th in Kachin State.

Kaunghmulon suspension bridge greatly contributes to more friendly relationship among the local inhabitants, thereby improving economic, social, health and education standards of them.

Translation: ZZS

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## Regional development tasks gaining ...

(from page 1)

Maj-Gen Myint Soe and party visited Youth Training School of Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Falam and presented aid to the trainees.

Maj-Gen Myint Soe and party inspected Lyva Hydropower Plant near Falam, tea planta-

tions at Ramtalong farm in Ramhtalo Village-tract of the township.

On 16 January, Maj-Gen Myint Soe met servicemen and family members at the local battalion in Haka and presented gifts to them.

Accompanied by the Chairman of Chin State PDC, Maj-Gen Myint Soe comforted patients at Chin State General Hospital in Haka and made cash donations to

the hospital's fund.

On his inspection tour of Haka, Maj-Gen Myint Soe visited Border Region and National Race Youth Development School in Myohaung Ward, Government Technical Institute (Haka), Women's Vocational School, Chin State Tea Booth, Kyawbok Tea Plantation of Myanmar Agriculture Service, mythun breeding farm, maintenance of Tawhlanay lake and condition of Haka-Gangaw Road.

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Maj-Gen Myint Soe of Ministry of Defence looks into Ngahsitva Hydropower Plant.—MNA

## Central Committee for Organizing 48<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Gems Emporium-2011 holds 1<sup>st</sup> meeting



Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint addresses first meeting of Central Committee for Organizing 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium 2011.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—The Central Committee for Organizing 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium-2011 held first meeting at the meeting hall of Myanmar Gems Museum, here today.

It was attended by Patron of the committee Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Vice-Chairman of the committee Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Secretary and members, officials of sub-committees, Vice-Chairman and executives of Myanmar Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association, and responsible persons.

Secretary of Central Organizing Committee for 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium-2011 and

Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe briefed on arrangements for observance of the emporium. The officials of the sub-committees reported on preparatory tasks and follow-up plans.

Vice-Chairman of MJEA U Maung Gyi and Vice-Chairman of the emporium organizing committee Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu gave supplementary reports.

The meeting was wound up with the concluding remark by Minister U Ohn Myint.

The 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium-2011 will be held at Mani Yadana Jade Hall of Myanmar Gems Museum here from 10 to 22 March.—MNA

## A&I Minister meets staff of SLRD

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo met directors-general, deputy directors-general, officials and staff of Settlement and Land Records Department at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

The minister stressed the need for departments and enterprises under the ministry to coordinate tasks among them for achieving the goals. He said that it is necessary to collect correct and accurate data of sown acreage, per-acre yield and total production so as to set the plans on food sufficiency, surplus and increased production. He urged the staff to make field trips for extended cultivation and boosting production. In conclusion, the minister instructed officials to improve proficiency of staff and provide them with welfare.

MNA

## Central committee for organizing the opening ceremony of Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) meets

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan —International standard Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) will be opened on 12 February.

The second work coordination meeting of central committee for organizing the opening ceremony of Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) was held at Inngyin hall of Forest Department under the ministry here this afternoon with an address by Minister for Forestry U

## Kalaw/Ayethaya GTI to pay respects to faculty members

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Old students of Kalaw/Ayethaya Government Technical Institute will hold the 22nd ceremony to pay respects to faculty members in Kalaw in October.

Accommodation has been made for faculty members and old students. Manuscripts for commemorative magazine will be published. Manuscripts are to be sent not later than 31 March.

For further information on the ceremony and the magazine, contact U Nyunt Lwin in Yangon, Tel: 095168935, U Myint Naing in Mandalay (Copy Mandalay), Tel: 095001592, U Yin Htwe Min in Nay Pyi Taw, Tel: 098621759 and 067-25579 and U Tun Kyaw in Kalaw (Minthiha), Tel: 081-50265.—MNA



Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung addresses the second coordination meeting of central committee for organizing the opening of Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).

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Thein Aung, Patron of the central committee.

After hearing reports on arrangements for opening ceremony and work progress presented by the director-general of Forest Department, chairman of central committee, and the joint secretary and responsible persons of MRT Construction Co., the minister gave necessary instructions and the meeting came to an end.—MNA



## Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence attends opening of Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence at Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011.—MNA

YANGON, 21 Jan—Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011 kicked off at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, Dagon Township here this morning.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening of the exhibition and viewed the showrooms and booths at the exhibition. Also present on the

occasion were Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council, Commander of Yangon Region Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials, personnel from Rammar

Automobile Manufacturing & Trading Co Ltd, The First Automotive Co Ltd, K Future Co Ltd and companies participating in the exhibition.

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## Armed group members return to legal fold

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Upholding “Our Three Main National Causes”, the State Peace and Development Council has dealt with national reconsolidation effectively and is trying hard for harmonious development in all parts of the nation. The government is transforming the nation into new discipline-flourishing democratic nation in cooperation with the people and the Tatmadaw. Realizing the attitude and genuine goodwill of the government, armed groups are returning to the legal fold after having problems among themselves, lacking

confidence in their acts and understanding their wrongful acts.

On 19 January, seven members of armed group led by Saw Cha Mu Kyae of Saw Labwe group of KNU insurgents bringing along with them seven assorted guns, 1050 rounds of ammunition and a walkie-talkie returned to the legal fold in South-East Command area.

Officials are fulfilling the requirements to those who returned to the legal fold and there are still remnant members of KNU insurgents to return to the legal fold.

MNA

## Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza found in Sittwe Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—As a layer farm in Thaechaung Latthama Village, Bumei Village-tract, Sittwe Township, Rakhine State was reported to be affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza, specialists of Diagnostics and Control Division under Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department from Yangon went there and are taking measures to keep the virus under control in collaboration with personnel concerned.

Personnel from Rakhine State Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, having heard that some of layers in the village died of suspicious reasons, went to the village on 12 January and then sent sample plasma of the dead hens to Animal Diagnostic Lab in Yangon to examine the cause of death.

As soon as personnel of the lab found that it was highly pathogenic avian influenza which led those hens to death, they went to the village. In cooperation with the

chairman of Sittwe District Peace and Development Council, Myanmar Police Force, and the township Development Committee, they killed the poultry of chicken houses and households within one kilometre-radius of the flu infected farm, buried them at 7 feet depth in the ground, sprayed pesticides and burnt them.

Then, sale of poultry and related products was banned within 3-kilometre radius of the village for three weeks. Family of the layer farm owner and six farm



workers are being kept in quarantine for diagnostic tests and the farm was declared restricted area. Materials used in the farm and wastages were sprayed with insecticides and burnt and buried, it was reported.—MNA

**Opening ceremony of Automobile and Autoparts Expo 2011 in progress at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, Dagon Township of Yangon on 21 January.**

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## Pakokku on west bank of Ayeyawady River gaining...

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Pakokku is located on 485.84 square miles of land. It is constituted with 15 wards and 258 villages in 55 village-tracts. Over 157,000 people from 17,803 households are residing in the urban area.



Photo shows beautiful landscaping at Myakantha Park in Pakokku.

For improvement of urban roads, Pakokku Township DAC has repaved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thiri Street, the 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Ward 11, the ring road of Myitchay Market, and Kanma-Aungzeya Road as the asphalt ones. The committee also upgraded Thazin Street in extended Ward 14 to gravel street, tarmacked Khattar Street, repaved Tatma Street in Ward 7 and Shwemokhtaw Pagoda Road. In addition, the committee carried out maintenance of the roads. Thus, local roads have improved in Pakokku.

For ensuring smooth transport in the urban area, the committee built five concrete bridges. Moreover, the committee focused on greening and pleasant works at Myakantha Park. The committee constructed drains for proper flow of water in the urban area.

The Township DAC also placed emphasis on rural development tasks on placing of gravel on the 3000 feet long and 12 feet wide Paunglaungkan-Magyipinpu Road, Nyaungpinhla-PhalanO Road, Kanma-Gawtama-Myepantaung Road, Pakokku-Seikpyu Road, Thayettaw Road, construction of earthen roads and concrete bridges.

Likewise, maintenance works were carried out along Myitchay-Sabay Road, Shwetantit Road,

Kanma-Yaylar-Htantabin-Oyin Road, Kanbaw-Kanyat Road, Shwetantit-Shwedah Road, Inwaing-Htandaw chawk Road, Pakokku-Kokkohto Road and Nyaungbinhla-PhalanO Road.

Two-inch tube-wells were sunk in Kyeikho, Chaing and Pyae-aing and Myinchaing villages and one four-inch tube-well together with compressor in Nyaungghla Village.

For public recreation, Myakantha Park, Bogyoke Park and Independence Monument Park were constructed in the urban area.

Seven rural housings were built in Tingat, Thanbayagon, Myingyaing, Nandawyat and Kandaw villages for enabling the rural people to have accommodation at fair prices.

Pakokku Township Development Affairs Committee is making strenuous efforts in keeping Pakokku beautiful and pleasant on the western bank of Ayeyawady River. Only when, the local people participate in respective sectors in building the town, will Pakokku achieve development momentum.

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## Arab leaders condemn terrorism, refuse foreign interference

SHARM EL SHEIKH, 21 Jan—Arab leaders jointly condemned terrorist acts and refused foreign interference with Arab affairs, said a statement issued by the second Arab economic summit.

Arab leaders who attended the summit expressed their condemnation against all kinds of terrorist acts and determination to eliminate all terrorist acts on the Arab land, the statement said.

The leaders also refused any attempt to interfere with the affairs of Arab countries

with the excuse of protecting minority groups, it added. The Arab countries have the responsibility and capability to protect their own citizens and call for international community to keep the promises of cracking down on terrorism and extremism of any forms, according to the statement.

The Second Arab Economic, Development and Social Summit, which was held on Wednesday in Egypt's Sharm El-Sheikh, vowed to continue to work for economic integration in the region.—*Xinhua*



*Thai Customs officials inspect seized elephant tusks at their headquarters in Bangkok. Thai authorities said they had seized 69 elephant tusks and four smaller pieces of ivory worth more than 300,000 dollars, smuggled from Mozambique.—INTERNET*

## Bomb scare in central Wellington over

WELLINGTON, 21 Jan—A suspicious suitcase which sparked a bomb scare in central Wellington Thursday afternoon contained clothing and personal items, police said. The suitcase was found in bushes on Bowen Street, between the Lambton Quay and the Terrace, near the Parliament about 1.10 pm, causing Parliamentary staff to be evacuated and nearby roads to be closed.

Staff were allowed to return and roads reopened shortly before 4 pm after a specialist bomb team detonated the package.

Police were now trying to find the owner of the suitcase.

*Xinhua*



*A worker is seen at a construction site at a factory District in Tokyo on 20 Jan, 2011. Japanese manufacturing confidence improved in January for the first time in three months, a Reuters poll showed, in a sign the economy is likely to start picking up after a small contraction expected in the final quarter of 2010.*

INTERNET

## Carla Bruni 'in danger' after laptops, paperwork stolen from assistant

LONDON, 21 Jan—Security fears for French First Lady Carla Bruni have emerged after laptops and paperwork were stolen from her private assistant's home. The stolen items may contain highly sensitive information about Bruni and so, may put her in danger, the police have said.

They fear details relating to her upcoming engagements with husband President Nicolas Sarkozy could now be in the hands of thieves, *France's Gala* magazine reported. "It is not known exactly what information the burglars now possess, but security sensitive details of the times and dates of the first couple's schedule could have been taken," the *Daily Mail* quoted the magazine as saying. "Protection will be stepped up around Ms Bruni and Mr Sarkozy as a precaution," it added.

It is not known who the private assistant is.—*Internet*



*A wind turbine is seen near a gate of the ancient city of Wushu in Diaobingshan, Liaoning Province on 18 Jan, 2011. Cooperation on clean energy could be a high point in US-China relations leading to benefits for both countries, government and business officials said ahead of a summit between Chinese President Hu Jintao and President Barack Obama.*

INTERNET

## Boeing to cut 1,100 jobs in C-17 programme

NEW YORK, 21 Jan—US aerospace giant Boeing said Thursday it will cut about 1,100 jobs over the next two years as it slows production of its C-17 military transport aircraft.

Boeing said it would deliver 13 C-17s in 2011, one less than the prior year, as it moves to a new annual production rate of 10.

"Boeing will reduce the production programme's work force by approximately 1,100 jobs through the end of 2012," the Chicago-based firm said in statement.

The transition to the new production rate was announced in February 2010.

The long-haul military cargo C-17, which is in its 18th year of service, can carry large equipment, supplies and troops directly to small airfields, the company says.

"The fleet continues to operate at an accelerated rate due to the recent troop surge in Afghanistan," Boeing said.



*A Boeing C-17 transport aircraft flies past some birds. US aerospace giant Boeing says it will cut about 1,100 jobs over the next two years as it slows production of its C-17 cargo plane.—INTERNET*

"It achieved two million total flight hours in December, less than five years after it passed the one-million-flight-hour mark."

The US Air Force is the biggest customer, taking 206 of the 226 C-17s delivered worldwide.

Boeing's foreign military customers include Britain, Canada, Australia, United Arab Emirates and Qatar, as well as the NATO-led Strategic Airlift Capability consortium.—*Internet*



*Firefighters pump out water from the courtyard of a building supplier after it was flooded by ground water in the village of Manschnow near the Polish border, on 18 Jan, 2011. Many field and basements in the region have been under water for months because of the insufficient dewatering system in this rural area along the river Oder, which does not allow the excess water to drain.—INTERNET*

## Air New Zealand buys 14.9 percent of Virgin Blue

WELLINGTON, 21 Jan—Air New Zealand said Friday it has bought 14.9 percent of Australia's Virgin Blue for \$143 million, a decade after the national flag carrier was bailed out by the government following an investment gone bad in another Australian airline.

The airline had notified stock exchanges in New Zealand and Australia on Thursday it planned to take a shareholding of 10 percent to 14.99 percent in Virgin Blue, a cut price carrier. Virgin Group, the UK-based company founded by Sir Richard Branson, has a 26 percent stake in Virgin Blue.

The Virgin Blue shares were bought for Australian cents 44 each for a total cost of AU\$145 million (\$143 million).

"The investment in Virgin Blue is part of Air New Zealand's strategy to develop scale and reach in this region," Air New Zealand chief executive Rob Fyfe said in a statement.

A recently signed alliance with Virgin Blue on routes between Australia and New Zealand was the first step in this strategy, he said.—*Internet*

## Trial ordered for Mich mom who faked son's cancer



Defendant Carol Lynn Schnuphase, 47, of Warren, appears in Roseville's 39th District Court Judge Marco Santia, on 1 Oct, 2010, as she is charged with second-degree child abuse and taking money under false pretenses. Authorities say she shaved her son's head and eyebrows and drugged his apple sauce to make him appear to be sick.—INTERNET

ROSEVILLE, 21 Jan—A Michigan woman accused of drugging her 12-year-old son to make it appear he was a cancer patient will stand trial.

Carol Lynn Schnuphase waived her right Wednesday to have a preliminary examination. A judge in the northern Detroit suburb of Roseville set a 31 Jan arraignment in Macomb County Circuit Court.

Schnuphase is charged with second-degree child abuse and taking money under false pretenses.

Authorities say the 47-year-old drugged her son, and shaved his hair and eyebrows. A prosecutor says she received \$7,500 from a church fundraiser, besides other donations. The money was used to pay bills.

Her son is in foster care.

Defence attorney Dominic Greco says Schnuphase didn't want her son to testify Wednesday.

Internet

## NEC, Lenovo in talks on joint venture

TOKYO, 21 Jan—Leading Japanese and Chinese electronics firms NEC Corp and Lenovo Group are in the final stages of talks to form a joint venture in the personal computer business, according to a report.

A likely scenario would see Lenovo taking a majority stake in NEC Personal Products Ltd, a wholly owned NEC unit that makes and sells PCs, the *Nikkei* business daily said on Friday.

NEC released a statement on Friday, saying "no decision has been made" in relation to the *Nikkei* report.

An official at Lenovo also told *AFP* that he was unaware of the matter.

The leaders in their respective domestic PC



A shopper looks at NEC laptops and PCs at an electronic store in Tokyo on 21 Jan, 2011. Japan's NEC is in talks with China's Lenovo about a joint venture in personal computers, two industry sources told Reuters on Friday.—INTERNET

markets aim to boost their competitiveness through economies of scale by combining development, production and materials procurement, the *Nikkei* newspaper said.

They could also decide to work together in other areas such as information technology equipment and services, it said.

NEC controlled about

18 percent of the Japanese PC market in 2009, but globally it came in 12th with a share of less than one percent, the *Nikkei* said, citing data by IDC intelligence firm.

Lenovo had roughly 27 percent of its home market and was ranked fourth in the world with a market share of about eight percent, it said.—Internet

## China announces energy spending plan

BEIJING, 21 Jan—China says it will spend about \$75 million annually in the next 20 years domestic oil and gas exploration and production, in a move meant to cut energy imports.

"Starting in 2011, the annual investment in detecting and exploring oil and gas will reach 500 million yuan, including 200 million for exploring energy resources on land, while the rest will be offshore," said Zhong Ziran with the Land and Resources Ministry's geological survey unit, *China Daily* reported Thursday.

In the previous decade, China had been investing only about a tenth of the currently planned amounts, the report said.

With a growing appetite for energy to support China's explosive economic growth, energy experts say imports will account for 60 percent of the demand by 2020, compared to 55 percent last year.—Internet

## Toshiba to build huge solar plant in Bulgaria

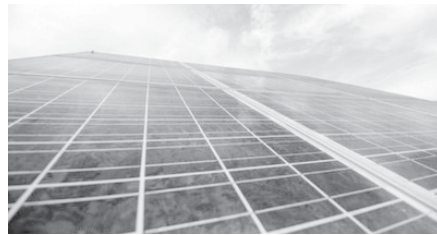
TOKYO, 21 Jan—Toshiba and Tokyo Electric Power will team up with the Japanese government to build one of the world's largest solar power stations in Bulgaria, according to a report.

The plant will be built in the eastern city of Yambol by March 2012 at a cost of more than 100 billion yen (\$1.2 billion), Japan's *Nikkei* daily said.

As a European Union member, Bulgaria needs quickly to bolster its sources of renewable energy to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

The EU has an aggressive goal to unilaterally cut carbon emissions by 20 percent by 2020, as compared to a benchmark year of 1990.

By tapping Japanese



This file illustration photo shows solar panels. Toshiba and Tokyo Electric Power will team up with the Japanese government to build one of the world's largest solar power stations in Bulgaria, according to a report.—INTERNET

technology, the eastern European nation aims to pave the way for obtaining 16 percent of its power from renewable energy sources by 2020, up from roughly seven percent now, the report said.

Toshiba, Tokyo Electric, Japanese trader Itochu and the government-backed

Innovation Network Corp of Japan will set up a local joint venture, investing a total of around 50 billion yen.

CEZ Group, the seventh-ranked European power utility, will also take part in the joint venture, contributing as much as 20 billion yen, according to the report.—Internet

## DPRK top leader calls for bioengineering research

PYONGYANG, 21 Jan—Kim Jong Il, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), has called for rigorous research in bioengineering, the country's leading newspaper *Rodong Sinmun* said Thursday.

During his inspection of the Bioengineering Branch of the State Academy of Sciences, Kim voiced his satisfaction upon learning that the branch provided a sure guarantee for rapidly developing agricultural production, pomiculture and the foodstuff industry.

It was necessary to provide sufficient conditions for scientific research so as to boost the development of the country's bioengineering, he said.

Kim underscored the need to develop bioengineering, which he believed would facilitate a revolution in such fields as agriculture, medical science, food industry, energy and environment, among others.

Xinhua

## Hemorrhagic fever claims three lives in western India

AHMADABAD, 21 Jan—An Ebola-like hemorrhagic fever has killed three people in western India and dozens of doctors will screen a community of about 16,000 people in efforts to contain the disease, a state health minister said Wednesday.

A woman died of the insect-transmitted illness two weeks ago in the Gujarat state village of Kolat and a doctor and nurse who treated her later also contracted the illness and died, state Health Minister Jay Narayan Vyas said.

India's National Institute of Virology later confirmed that the three died of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever, an Ebola-like disease where patients can bleed to death if not treated quickly. The illness mainly affects animals, but ticks that live on sheep and cattle can pass the virus to people, who can transmit it through their blood or saliva.

The government has appointed 38 medical teams each including doctors and veterinarians to screen all 16,000 residents in the area of Kolat, near the state's commercial capital of Ahmadabad.

Doctors and nurses in the region have been warned to take utmost precautions when treating patients showing symptoms of the deadly fever, Vyas said.—Internet



A pedestrian walks by a window display of the MacBook Air at an Apple retail store on 18 January, 2011 in San Francisco, California. Apple will release first quarter earnings one day after CEO Steve Jobs announced that he will be taking a medical leave of absence. Apple stock fell less than 3 percent after the announcement was made of his leave.—INTERNET

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1102)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1102) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
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AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING  
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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER  
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*It was slow to start but 3D television really looks as though it could be here to stay. The problem is that with the technology in its infancy, the two-lens cameras are very expensive to buy. Spencer Kelly looks at the idea behind a new, single-lens 3D camera that does away with the extra lens that, up until now, has been needed to add depth. — INTERNET*

**Five museum pieces displayed for the first time**

LONDON, 21 Jan — First Time Out is an exhibition of five previously unseen exhibits, from five of the UK's leading cultural and scientific institutions. Over the next six months

the objects will rotate around the Science Museum, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, the Natural History Museum, Wellcome Collection and the Horniman Museum.

When each object moves to a different location, the new host venue will display it with a new label written by its curatorial staff - exploring some of the different stories about each item. Here, curators from each of the participating museums explain the exhibit they have submitted to the exhibition.

*Internet*



**US woman solves own baby kidnapping**

NEW YORK, 21 Jan — The victim of a high-profile New York baby-snatching case has been reunited with her mother after solving the mystery of her abduction herself. Carlina White was abducted from a hospital in

Harlem in August 1987, when she was just 19 days old.

Raised as Nejdra Nance in Connecticut, Ms White, 23, always had a sense she did not belong to her family, police said, and began her own inquiries. DNA tests this week confirmed Carlina as the daughter of Joy White. Police are now investigating the woman who raised Carlina. —*Internet*



*Carlina White*



*Girls from villages around Ubud in Bali prepare to perform dances unique to the island, and that rest at the heart of its cultural identity. — INTERNET*

**Esteemed people,**

We proudly inform you that the Myanmar International Channel (MI) will broadcast live the ceremony to present Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) for 2009 which will be held at the open air theatre at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall at 5.p.m on 23 January 2011 (Sunday).

**Myanmar International Channel**

**Transplant restores woman's voice**

NEW YORK, 21 Jan — A woman in the US is able to speak for the first time in 11 years after a pioneering voicebox transplant. Brenda Jensen said the operation, which took place in California, was a miracle which had restored her life. Thirteen days after the surgery she said her first words: "Good morning, I

want to go home." It is the first time a voicebox and windpipe have been transplanted at the same time and only the second time a voicebox has ever been transplanted. Ms Jensen, 52, had been unable to speak on her own since her voicebox was damaged during surgery in 1999.—*Internet*

**Fossil female pterosaur found with preserved egg**

LONDON, 21 Jan — For fossil hunters, it represents one of those breakthrough moments. A pterosaur has been found in China beautifully preserved with an egg. The egg indicates this ancient flying reptile was a female, and that realisation has allowed researchers to sex these creatures for the first time.

Writing in *Science* magazine, the palaeontologists make some broad statements about gender differences in pterosaurs,



*It was the males which carried a crest, the latest research published in Science magazine suggests. — INTERNET*

including the observation that only males sported a head-crest. David Unwin, a palaeobiologist in the Department of Museum Studies at the University of Leicester, was part of the research team.

He told the BBC the discovery was astonishing: "If somebody had said to me a few years back that we would find this kind of association, I would just have laughed and said, 'yeah, maybe in a million years', because these sorts of things are incredibly rare."—*Internet*

**Alleged tomato thief leads to stolen items**

ST PAUL, 21 Jan — Minnesota officials said a phone call from a man accused of stealing a tomato led them to property stolen from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Police said Timothy Keith Heidenreich, 39, placed a call on Wednesday from the Washington County Jail asking a friend named Terry for help moving "at least \$15,000 (worth of) stuff," the St Paul (Minn.) *Pioneer-Press* reported on Thursday.

Investigators said Heidenreich, who was in jail for allegedly stealing a tomato from a lunchroom, told the man where to find the items and asked him to move them to a home.

*Internet*

### Bundesliga side ban strippers at games

Top German football club St Pauli has shown the red card to strippers performing inside a corporate box owned by one of Hamburg's many lap dance clubs — but they can dance once matches are over.

The Susis Show Bar on Hamburg's main red-light drag, the Reeperbahn, has installed a large mirror and a pole in their box for their strippers to dance for guests invited to watch Bundesliga games.

But the club has blown the whistle to the idea guests in the box can watch football while the strippers perform, and say the women can only dance after the 90 minutes of action on the pitch is over.

St Pauli bosses acted after fans complained about the image of the club, which has something of a cult following and whose supporters are staunch anti-fascists, being tarnished.



*St Pauli soccer fans cheer on their team during the German first division Bundesliga football match in Hamburg, 2010. The top German football club banned strippers from performing during matches.*

### Restaurant serving up African lion tacos

An Arizona restaurant said it is accepting pre-orders for tacos made with the meat from African lions. Tucson's Boca Tacosy Tequila, which previously made headlines with tacos made from kangaroo, alligator, python, rattlesnake, elk and

Rocky Mountain oysters, said orders must be placed by 3 pm 7 Feb for the 16 Feb African lion meal, *Tucson's Arizona Daily Star* reported Thursday.

"We've done just about anything we can get our hands on," owner Bryan Mazon said. "Every Wednesday we

do something a little bit different.

"I've gotten a lot of questions, like if it's legal," Mazon said of the lion tacos. He said Food and Drug Administration regulations allow for the sale of lion and other game meat provided the species is not endangered.

### Man wears unwashed jeans for 15 months

The jeans a University of Alberta student wore daily for 15 months without washing them tested normal for bacteria levels at the end of the experiment.

In Edmonton, student Josh Le, 20, told *Postmedia News* he bought the denim jeans in September 2009 and wore them daily — and sometimes slept in them — until last December.

He said he used paper towels and napkins to dab away food spills and maintained his normal personal hygiene routine during the 15 months. Every two weeks, he said he put the jeans in a freezer overnight and there never was a trace of odour.

At the conclusion of the experiment, he and assistant human ecology Professor Rachel McQueen ran tests on the pants and found bacteria levels were the same as any other samples, the report said.

### Woman slapped men with fish

Michigan police said officers were called by a pair of ice fishermen who accused a woman of striking them with a fish.

The men, who police said are in their early 20s, told officers they were ice fishing about 1 pm Saturday on Black Lake in Norton Shores when the 29-year-old woman approached them, *The Muskegon (Mich) Chronicle* reported Wednesday. Norton Shores Police Lt Jon Gale said the woman told the men she "wanted to urinate on the ice" and instructed them to "turn their heads while she urinated."

"While their backs were turned the woman struck the first complainant in the head with a fish," Gale said. "The female then approached them and struck the other man across the face with a fish."

## News Album



*A model presents a creation by French fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier as part of his Men's fall-winter 2011/2012 fashion collection presented in Paris, on 20 Jan, 2011.*

INTERNET

### Nugent won't be charged with violating SD hunt law

SIoux FALLS, 21 Jan—A South Dakota official says rocker and avid hunter Ted Nugent will not be charged with violating any state game laws for shooting pheasants last fall after some of his hunting privileges were revoked in California.

Both states are part of a compact in which they can honour each other's license revocations.

Andy Alban in South Dakota's Department of Game, Fish and Parks said officials determined that Nugent's license revocation in California for deer hunting didn't disqualify him from getting a license to hunt pheasants.

Nugent had hunted pheasants in southwest South Dakota last October. Alban says the Waco, Texas-area resident was exercising a small-game privilege that didn't have anything to do with what happened in California.

A spokeswoman for Nugent said he was traveling and not available for comment.—*Internet*

### Sacha Baron Cohen to play Saddam Hussein

LOS ANGELES, 21 Jan—As if his portrayals of Borat and Bruno weren't outrageous enough, Sacha Baron Cohen's next role will be playing Saddam Hussein.

The British comic will star in and co-write "The Dictator," which is scheduled for release in May 2012, Paramount Pictures said Thursday. Larry Charles, who directed Baron Cohen in



*In this 6 Jan, 2010 file photo, Sacha Baron Cohen presents Johnny Depp with the award for favourite movie actor of the decade at the People's Choice Awards in Los Angeles. The British comic will play Saddam Hussein in and co-write 'The Dictator,' which is scheduled for release in May 2012, Paramount Pictures said on 20 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET*

"Bruno" and "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," will direct once again.

"The Dictator" is inspired by a book the former Iraqi leader himself wrote, titled "Zabibah and The King."

Paramount joked in a news release: "The film tells the heroic story of a dictator who risked his life to ensure that democracy would never come to the country he so lovingly oppressed."

Internet



*The logo for the London 2012 Olympics. Each of William Shakespeare's 38 plays will be performed in a different language, including Arabic, Spanish and Urdu, during a theatre season in Britain to mark the London 2012 Olympic Games.—INTERNET*

### Shakespeare plays in 38 languages for 2012 Olympics

LONDON, 21 Jan—Each of William Shakespeare's 38 plays will be performed in a different language, including Arabic, Spanish and Urdu, during a theatre season in Britain to mark the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Shakespeare's Globe theatre in the British Capital said Thursday it would host the special season over six weeks, beginning next year on 23 April, the playwright's birthday.

Shows will include "The Taming of the Shrew" in Urdu, starring Pakistani television star Nadia Jamil as Katherine, and "King Lear" in Australian Aboriginal languages.

Internet

## Milan thump Bari to reach Italian Cup quarters

ROME, 21 Jan—Antonio Cassano made his first start for AC Milan as the Serie A leaders thumped basement sitters Bari 3-0 on Thursday to reach the Italian Cup quarter-finals. All the pre-



AC Milan's Brazilian forward Robinho celebrates after scoring against Bari during their Italian Cup 1/8 finals football match in San Siro stadium in Milan.—INTERNET

match talk was about January transfer-window signing Cassano's first start for the club since his move from Sampdoria and the 28-year-old lasted 65 minutes before making way for the returning Andrea Pirlo.

Cassano, however, was upstaged by strike partners Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Robinho, who both found the net, as well as young German midfielder Alexander Merkel, who notched one and made another. Robinho was the main star of the show, though, scoring one and making the other two as well.

Internet

## Lampard injury bulletin cheers Chelsea

LONDON, 21 Jan—Chelsea have played down the extent of a new injury suffered by Frank Lampard, saying on Thursday they expect the England midfielder would be fit for next week's clash with Bolton. Lampard underwent a scan on Wednesday after suffering a calf injury in training, sparking fears that the 32-year-old faced another spell on the sidelines after only recently returning from a long lay-off.

"I tried to keep fit during the injury by doing everything I could without harming it," Lampard told Chelsea's website. "I did a lot of running and got myself as fit as I could



Frank Lampard

for coming back and then I just had to try to adapt to games quickly which is the toughest bit, finding the sharpness which you can never reproduce the conditions for when you are out for a while. "So I was pleased to get through the tight schedule of games and I felt pretty good in most of them." Chelsea insisted on Thursday they expected Lampard to be available for Monday's meeting with Bolton.—Internet

## Wozniacki, Djokovic advance; Henin out

MELBOURNE, 21 Jan—Caroline Wozniacki beat Dominika Cibulkova 6-4, 6-3 on Friday to reach



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki

the fourth round of the Australian Open and avenge last week's loss in a tuneup tournament. Wozniacki, playing her first Grand Slam as the world No 1, advanced to the fourth round for the seventh consecutive major but has yet to win one of tennis' marquee events. The 20-year-old Danish player can hold onto the No 1 ranking by reaching the semifinals in Australia.

Internet

## Japan 3-2 Qatar: Kagawa Double Helps Knock Out Spirited Hosts



DOHA, 21 Jan—Two goals from Borussia Dortmund star Shinji Kagawa sent Japan into the semi-finals of the Asian Cup with a 3-2 over Qatar, eliminating the resilient hosts in Doha.

The cultured attacking midfielder twice cancelled out efforts from the Maroons, who were a man to the good for the final half hour, but Masahiko Inoha's last-gasp winner sent the Blue Samurai through in dramatic circumstances.

The tournament hosts took an early lead, albeit in controversial circumstances. Sebastian Soria ran clear of the Japanese back line from seemingly an offside position, before cutting inside and sliding

the ball through the legs of Eiji Kawashima.

It did not take long for the Japan to restore parity. Shinji Okazaki created space and tried to lob the ball over the advancing Qasem Burhan, and as the ball broke Kagawa was in the right place to nod the ball into the net.

Qatar will feel they passed up a superb chance to progress to the semi-finals, but in the end Kagawa's class ensured a clash with either Iran or South Korea in the last four.—Internet

## Real's Valdano denies rift with Mourinho

MADRID, 21 Jan—Real Madrid's general manager Jorge Valdano on Thursday denied reports of a rift between him and coach Jose Mourinho, saying comments he made in a post-match interview had been misinterpreted. "I have no problems at all with Mourinho," the Argentine told reporters.

"Crazy things are being said. All this commotion that has happened in recent days doesn't make any sense," he said, according to sports newspaper AS. "Since



Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho

Sunday, we have had dinner together. We speak constantly, we messaged each other just yesterday." Rumours of friction between the two were fueled by comments Valdano made after Madrid's shock 1-1 draw against bottom club Almeria on Sunday.

Internet

## Vegas, Weekley share lead at Bob Hope Classic



Boo Weekley

LA QUINTA, 21 Jan—Jhonattan Vegas isn't exactly sure how his Venezuelan parents came up with the unusual spelling of his first name. If the 26-year-old rookie manages to keep up his swift start

at the Bob Hope Classic, the golf world will have to memorize it quickly.

Vegas shot a 5-under 67 in windy conditions on Thursday for a share of the second-round lead with Boo Weekley. Weekley had a 66 to match Vegas at 13-under 131 in the 90-hole tournament on four Palm Springs-area courses. Charles Howell III (66) and Chris Couch (65) were a stroke back.

Internet

## Agassi picked for tennis Hall of Fame

LAS VEGAS, 21 Jan—The sport that has given Andre Agassi everything is giving him something more. The baseliner known for his aggressive returns and career Grand Slam announced Thursday that he will be inducted into

the International Tennis Hall of Fame, telling hundreds of students at a prep school he runs in Las Vegas that tennis has given him much more than eight major titles.

"Tennis has given me everything in my life," Agassi said. "It's given



Andre Agassi of the US me my wife — it's given me my life's work by allowing me the resources to build this school for you.—Internet

## Asian Cup Semi-final result

Uzbekistia ( 2 ) - ( 1 ) Jordan

## Kean signs new Blackburn deal

LONDON, 21 Jan—Blackburn boss Steve Kean on Thursday signed a new deal which will keep him at the Premier League club until 2013. The 43-year-old took over as caretaker after the sacking of Sam



Blackburn Rovers' Scottish manager Steve Kean

Allardyce in December.

"I am delighted to commit my future to Rovers at the start of what I see as a massively exciting new era for the club," Kean told the club's official website. "The owners have shown great faith in me and I will do all I can to repay them. "This is a great opportunity for me and I intend to grasp it with both hands." Blackburn are currently in 11<sup>th</sup> place in the table.

Internet

## Rooney hails 'fantastic' Barcelona

LONDON, 21 Jan—Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney on Thursday hailed Barcelona as "fantastic" and "brilliant", adding the Spanish champions have the potential to be regarded as the greatest club side of all time.

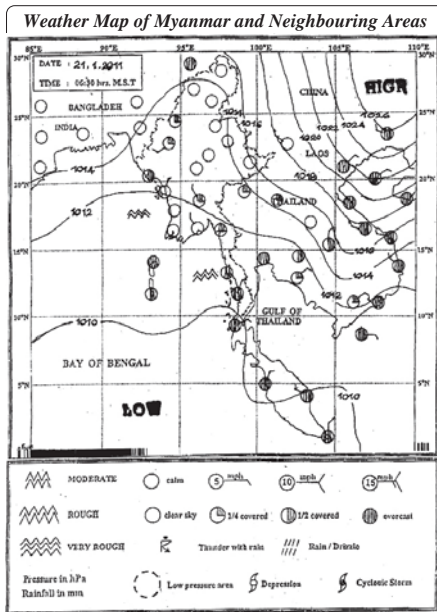
"They are the team to beat," England star Rooney told the official Champions League magazine. "They are a fantastic team and people will remember what this Barcelona side have done for a long time to come.



Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney

like the great Real Madrid and Manchester United teams. "Their football is brilliant to watch and they win games playing that way, which is the main thing.

"Barcelona stand out for me. You can safely say if you beat Barcelona you have a good chance of winning the competition (Champions League)." United and Barcelona are still involved in this season's Champions League, which resumes at the last 16 stage in February. Barcelona will face Arsenal while United tackle French champions Marseille in the first knock-out round.—Internet



# WEATHER

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2011

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr. M.S.T.**  
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions, (5°C) to (8°C) below January average temperatures in Chin State and Upper Sagaing Region and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-4°C), Lashio and Loilen (1°C) each, Namhsan, Pinlaung and Heho (2°C) each, Putao and Mogok (3°C) each.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 20-1-2011 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 21-1-2011 was 54°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-1-2011 was (90%). Rainfall on 21-1-2011 was (Nil).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 20-1-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 21-1-2011 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-1-2011 was (54%). Total sunshine hours on 20-1-2011 was (9.8) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 21-1-2011 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 (4) mph from North at (16:30) hours MST on 20-1-2011.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States 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:** Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-1-2011:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-1-2011:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-1-2011:** Generally fair weather.

**Weather outlook for Fourth weekend of January 2011:** During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

## Australia to build "peace museum" in Indonesia's Bali

JAKARTA, 21 Jan — The Australian government is seeking support from Indonesia's local government in Bali for building a "peace museum" that commemorates Australians perished in 2002 Bali bombing, local media reported on Friday.

Speaking on the sidelines of his meeting with regent of Bali's Badung regency Anak Agung Gde Agung on Friday, Australian ambassador to Indonesia, Greg Moriarty, said that the museum would be constructed near the ground zero in Badung regency where the bomb blast killed 202 people in Bali in mid-August 2002.

Most of the casualties were Australians, the Antara news service reported.—Xinhua



*Iranian players, Arash Afshin, right, Anderanik Teymourian, and Khosro Heidari celebrate after scoring their first goal against United Arab Emirates during their AFC Asian Cup group D soccer match in Doha, Qatar, on 19 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL  
**Programme Schedule**  
(22-1-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	(22-1-11 09:30 am - 23-1-11 09:30 am MST)

- Local Transmission**
- \* Opening
  - \* News
  - \* Today's Nay Pyi Taw (The Capital City of Myanmar)
  - \* Nay Pyi Taw Gems Emporium's Offer to the World
  - \* News
  - \* Myanma Traditional Bronze Casting
  - \* Kayah Traditional Museum
  - \* News
  - \* Youth of the Future (Violinist)
  - \* News
  - \* A Day Trip to Thanlyin
- Oversea Transmission**
- \* Opening
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  - \* News
  - \* Myanma Traditional Bronze Casting
  - \* Aesthetic Jade Wares
  - \* Kayah Traditional Museum
  - \* News
  - \* Youth of the Future (Violinist)
  - \* News
  - \* A Day Trip to Thanlyin
  - \* Myanmar Paper Toys
  - \* News
  - \* Happily ever after, A Fairy Tale Love Story (Part-2)
  - \* News
  - \* Myanmar's DHF Prevention Activities Towards A Healthy Society
  - \* Music Gallery
  - \* News
  - \* Secret Places for Yummy Foods (Rice Salad)
  - \* News
  - \* Beikthano Archaeological Museum
  - \* Myanmar Movies "New Bosom"

**Saturday, 22 January**  
View on today

**7:00 am**  
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw Uppatathandi Paritta

**7:25 am**  
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

**7:30 am**  
3. Morning News

**7:40 am**  
4. Dhamma Puja Song

**7:50 am**  
5. Nice & Sweet Song

**8:00 am**  
6. Poem Garden

**8:15 am**  
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

**8:30 am**  
8. Teleplay (Agri)

**8:40 am**  
9. International News

**8:45 am**  
10. Musical Programme

**11:00 am**  
1. Martial Song

**11:10 am**  
2. Musical Programme

**11:25 am**  
3. Game For Children

**11:50 am**  
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

**12:00 pm**  
5. Yan Can Cook

**12:20 pm**  
6. TV Drama Series

**1:10 pm**  
7. Mahowthada

**1:45 pm**  
8. Dance Of National Races

**1:55 pm**  
9. Documentary

**2:10 pm**  
10. Performance with Song

**2:30 am**  
11. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

**2:50 pm**  
12. International News

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial Song

**4:10 pm**  
2. Musical Programme

**4:20 am**  
3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

**4:30 pm**  
4. Cultural Dances

**4:45 pm**  
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Myanmar)

**4:55 pm**  
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

**5:00 pm**  
7. Joint Performance by State Traditional Orchestra

**5:15 pm**  
8. International Science News

**5:25 pm**  
9. Game For Children

**6:00 pm**  
10. Evening News

**6:15 pm**  
11. Weather Report

**6:20 pm**  
12. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai

**6:35 pm**  
13. Yindagomae

**7:00 pm**  
14. TV Drama Series

**8:00 pm**  
15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Cartoon Series

19. TV Drama Series

20. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

- ★ 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

## Pakokku on west bank of Ayeyawady River gaining development momentum

Article: *Ko Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)*; Photos: *Ko Thant Sin*



A signboard bearing "Welcome to Pakokku" seen at the entrance to the town.

Pakokku is one of the major cities on the west bank of Ayeyawady River. Pakokku is sharing border with Yesagyo, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu townships. Cargo ships from lower and upper Myanmar can be seen at the jetty of Pakokku to trade commodities. Pakokku has easy access to Saw, Gangaw, Mandalay, NyaungU, Pauk, Myaing, Yesagyo and Seikpyu through better facilities of motor roads. Especially, Pakokku is a hub of trading beans and pulses, and tamarind.

As Pakokku is a district level town, Pakokku Township Development Affairs Committee is striving for all-round development of the town.

(See page 9)



Neat and tidy Mya Ayeya Road seen in urban area of Pakokku.

### Academy night live on air

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan — Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio and Myanmar International will cover Ceremony to present Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) for 2009 with live broadcast starting at 5 pm.

Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise of the Ministry of Information has scheduled to hold the ceremony here at 6 pm on 23 January.

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### Talks on enhancement of reading skills held in Lashio District

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Lashio District Information and Public Relations Department organized a talk on development of village libraries and enhancement of reading skills at Pinyinna Alin Library in Khenin Village on 18 January morning.

Staff Officer of Lashio District IPRD Daw Khin Saw Lin gave talks on studying books for enhancement of reading skills and Deputy Head of Department Daw Khin Nyunt on five tasks for development and durability of village libraries.

Next, officials presented prizes to three persons with excellent reading skills.

Similar talks were held in Ponhtun Village-tract on 17 January and in Panhsat Village on 19 January.

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