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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

In order to reach desired goal, BIMSTEC need to move forward to vigorous implementation stage with appropriate, effective action plan

Early establishment of Permanent Secretariat needed to keep up, sustain momentum of BIMSTEC

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Prime Minister U Thein Sein addressed the 13th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting and the 15th BIMSTEC Senior Officials' Meeting opened today at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here under the chairmanship of Myanmar.

It was attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo, Minister for

sador to Thailand U Aung Thein, departmental heads, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh Dr Dipu Moni, M.P, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan Mr Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Deputy Minister of External Affairs of India Mrs Preneet Kaur, Nepalese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Ms. Guna Laxmi Sharma (Bishowkarama) on behalf of the Nepalese Foreign Affairs Minister, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of Socialist

countries of BIMSTEC and ambassadors to Myanmar and guests.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win extended greetings.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein, in his speech said: It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Nay Pyi Taw and to the 13th Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Ministerial Meeting.

BIMSTEC is the bridge between South

Prime Minister U Thein Sein speaking at the 13th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting and the 15th BIMSTEC Senior Officials' Meeting.
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Energy U Lun Thi, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint, and deputy ministers, Myanmar Amba-

Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Neomal Perera, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Kasit Piromya, senior officers of member

Asia and South East Asia with significant potential for mutually beneficial cooperation among our member countries, in particular in economic and

commercial fields. Today, I would like to touch on a few areas that I believe are important to the founding objectives and principles of

our organization. Although there has been some progress made in BIMSTEC FTA negotiations, we still need to encourage our respective

line ministries to work together for the early conclusion of the BIMSTEC Free Trade Agreement. It is our strong belief that (See page 8)

PERSPECTIVES

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Stay away from drugs for your health and happiness

Worldwide, abuse of opium, heroine, opium oil and marijuana is on the increase. Stimulant tablets produced from chemicals are mushrooming across the globe. It is a grave threat to any nation or region, rich or poor.

Abuse of narcotics is mostly common among the youth. As drugs are associated with abusers, producers and drug pushers, it can cause social and economic losses. As the image of its community can be tarnished, every nation and region is attaching great importance to rooting out narcotic drugs.

Myanmar is throwing itself into carrying out drug elimination tasks as a national duty. The 15-year drug elimination plan has been laid down as a project from 1999 to 2014 and is being carried out with might and main. The drug eradication tasks are picking up thanks to the concerted efforts of the government and the people. The project tasks are making headway.

In December, 2010, altogether 298 drug cases could be exposed. Legal action was taken against over 400 people involved in drug-related cases.

Meanwhile, the poppy plantations from the regions where there is a tradition of growing poppy are being destroyed in cooperation with the local people. In the 2010-2011 poppy cultivation season, more than 10,000 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed nationwide.

Various kinds of drugs and stimulants still constitute a threat to mankind and the social environment. So, the government side by side with the people is steadfastly carrying out drug elimination tasks in order to create a drug-free society where every member of the public can enjoy health and happiness.

People's Voice

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

Hotels and Tourism Minister attends ASEAN Tourism Ministers' Meeting, Greater Mekong Sub-region Tourism Ministers' Meeting, ASEAN+3 Tourism Ministers' Meeting and opening ceremony of ASEAN Tourism Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan — Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing attended ASEAN Tourism Ministers' Meeting, Greater Mekong Sub-region Tourism Ministers' Meeting, ASEAN+3 Tourism Ministers' Meeting and opening ceremony of ASEAN Tourism Forum 2011 in Phnom Penh of Cambodia on 17 and 18 January.

The 14th ASEAN Tourism Ministers' Meeting — held at Peace Palace of Phnom Penh — was attended by tourism ministers and deputy ministers from ASEAN countries, ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General and representatives from World Tourism Organization.

They held discussions on tourism matters discussed in 17th ASEAN Summit held in Hanoi of Vietnam on 28 October 2010, ASEAN Integrity Main Programme,



Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing attending ASEAN Tourism Ministers' Meeting.—MNA

regional tourism development of ASEAN in 2010 and ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan-ATSP (2011-2015) and adopted the ATSP.

The ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan includes for exploring regional tourism routes, marketing, human resources development, ensuring smooth transportation and keeping up com-munications pace.

The 3rd Greater Mekong Sub-region Tourism Ministers' Meeting was attended by tourism ministers from six GMS nations, officials of Asia Development Bank and Mekong Tourism Coordination Office in the afternoon. The meeting focused on mid-year analysis upon GMS Tourism Strategic

Plan, and tourism road map to be implemented between 2011 and 2015.

The 10th ASEAN-China-Japan-Korea Tourism Ministers' Meeting was held on 18 January, with the attendance of tourism ministers and deputy ministers from ASEAN-member countries and from China, Japan and Korea and the ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General.

They discussed tourism concerns discussed in 13th ASEAN+3 Summit, progress of tourism cooperation among ASEAN+3 nations and future plans.

The press conference of ASEAN+3 Tourism Ministers was then held. The opening of

ASEAN Tourism Forum 2011 took place at Diamond Island Convention & Exhibition Centre of Phnom Penh in the evening, with the attendance of tourism ministers and deputy ministers from ASEAN+3 countries, ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General and guests. Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen made an opening Speech.

Minister U Soe Naing, viewed booths displayed at the forum and visited Myanmar booth on 18 January morning.

The forum — with booths of hotels, tourism agencies and air lines — will be held till 21 January.

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UMFCCI meets Malaysian guests



UMFCCI Joint-General Secretary Dr Pwint San meets Group President Dato Sabri Ahmad of Felda Holdings Berhad of Malaysia.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

YANGON, 22 Jan—Joint-General Secretary Dr Pwint San of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, CEC members, and executive members of the federation, and personnel of Myanmar Rubber Producers Association and Myanmar Oil Palm Producers Association met a four-member delegation led by Group President Dato' Sabri Ahmad

of Felda Holdings Berhad of Malaysia at the federation headquarters on 13 January.

They frankly hold discussion about holding of seminar and exhibition on oil palm and, mutual cooperation in rubber, oil palm and sugarcane cultivation, and technology transfer so as to boost trade activities between the two nations.—MNA

Bomb kills three in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 22 Jan— Three people including two paramilitary soldiers were killed in a roadside bomb blast in northwest Pakistan's tribal District of Orakzai on Saturday, officials said.

An improvised explosive device planted by militants went off in the town of Ibrahimzai during a routine patrol by paramilitary soldiers, a security official said.

"Two soldiers and one civilian were killed in the blast," Abdul Qadir, a local administr-

ation official, said.

Seven other people — one soldier and six civilians — were wounded in the explosion near the bazaar in Ibrahimzai, he said.

A military official in the provincial capital Peshawar confirmed the incident, saying the wounded had been taken to the local hospital.

Orakzai is one of the most lawless areas in Pakistan's northwest tribal region, which is

made up of seven rugged districts near the Afghan border.

Washington has branded the semi-autonomous tribal belt as the epicentre of Al-Qaeda and its Taleban allies fighting in Afghanistan.

Internet



People transfer an injured man to a hospital in northwest Pakistan's Bannu on 22 Jan, 2011. At least three people were killed and many others injured on Saturday when a bomb blast went off in lower Orakzai tribal area in northwest Pakistan.—XINHUA



Afghan refugee boys push a cart loaded with garbage bags along a railway track in Karachi, Pakistan, on 21 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Bicycle bomb blast injures four in S Afghanistan

TIRIN KOT, 22 Jan—A bicycle bomb went off Friday in Afghanistan's Uruzgan Province 370 km south of capital city Kabul injuring four people including two civilians.

"The bomb planted on a bicycle and detonated by remote-control at around 11 am local time when my motorcade was passing the area as a result two of my bodyguards and two civilians were injured," head of provincial council in Uruzgan Province, Amanullah Hotaki told Xinhua.

He said the explosion occurred in Dihrawud District.

The head of provincial assembly in Uruzgan added that he and his deputy were travelling to Dihrawud District to meet elders and solve a dispute there. "I escaped the blast miraculously and received no injury," Hotaki said.

Xinhua

Snow covers New England, bitter cold in Midwest

BOSTON, 22 Jan—A quick-moving winter storm blanketed New England with enough snow on Friday to wreak havoc with the morning commute and shut down area schools, while bitter cold enveloped the Midwest.

Between four and seven inches of snow were on the ground in parts of Connecticut, with expectations overall of four to eight inches of snow across New England, said Bill Simpson with the National Weather Service in Taunton, Mass.—Reuters



A woman skis through Brooklyn's Prospect Park with her dog in New York on 21 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Australia 'inland sea' flood threatens towns



Record floods described as a giant "inland sea" were moving to inundate several communities in southeast Australia, as officials warned the waters could linger for days.—INTERNET

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan— Record floods described as a giant "inland sea" were moving to inundate several communities in southeast Australia, as officials warned the waters could linger for days.

The floods, which have hit 75 towns across Victoria state and affected 1,770 properties, are estimated to cover an area 90 kilometres (56 miles) long and 40 kilometres wide, ABC radio reported on Saturday. "We know that this is the most significant flooding in the north west of Victoria since records began about 130 years ago," a spokeswoman for the State Emergency Service said.—Internet

Airstrikes kill ten militants in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 22 Jan— Airstrikes conducted by NATO-led forces in Afghanistan's Laghman Province 260 km east of capital city Kabul left over 10 militants dead on Friday, the military alliance said Saturday.

"Coalition forces targeted the Taleban shadow District governor for Hisarak, Laghman Province, killing more than 10 militants with two precision air strikes in the Province yesterday," the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a press release issued here.

The targeted Taleban shadow District leader conducted attacks against government of the Republic of Afghanistan officials and coalition forces, the statement further added.

Taleban militants have not to make comment yet.—Xinhua

Families reject Blair apology over Iraq dead

LONDON, 22 Jan—Former Prime Minister Tony Blair offered an emotional apology for the deaths of soldiers and civilians in Iraq, as he testified Friday to Britain's inquiry into the war.

The 57-year-old Blair, making a second appearance before the panel to clarify evidence he gave to the same panel a year ago, also urged Western leaders to confront a growing threat posed by Iran.

Addressing the five-member panel scrutinizing Britain's role in the unpopular war, Blair acknowledged that in phone calls and messages in 2002 — months before Parliament approved Britain's role in the conflict — he reassured US President George W Bush and told him: "You can count

on us."

Alongside his evidence, the inquiry published a previously unseen 2002 memo from Blair to his chief of staff, in which the leader called for a "gung-ho" approach toward Saddam Hussein's regime. Critics of the war hope the inquiry will conclude Blair had been determined to back the US invasion, whether or not it was supported by the public, Parliament or legal opinion.

Following his initial hearing, Blair was sharply criticized for suggesting he had no regrets over the decision to join the 2003 US-led invasion. "That was taken as my meaning that I had no regrets about the loss of life," Blair said Friday, his voice faltering with apparent emotion.—Internet

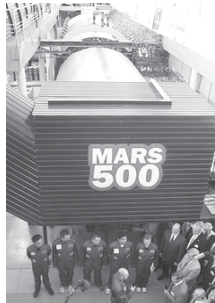


Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair arrives at the Iraq Inquiry to give evidence for the second time in London on 21 Jan, 2011. Blair has been recalled to the Iraq Inquiry to answer and clarify questions relating to the war in Iraq.—INTERNET



Science

520-day flight simulation nears 'landing' on Mars



In this on 3 June, 2010, file photo an international party of six researchers are dressed in blue, before entering a steel capsule to simulate a space flight to Mars, inside the facility at Moscow's Institute for Medical and Biological Problems in Moscow, Russia.—INTERNET

MOSCOW, 22 Jan—After 233 days in a locked steel capsule, six researchers on a 520-day mock flight to Mars are all feeling strong and ready to "land" on the Red

Planet, the mission director said Friday.

The all-male crew of three Russians, a Chinese, a Frenchman and an Italian-Colombian has been inside windowless capsules at a Moscow research centre since June. Their mission aims to help real space crews in the future cope with the confinement and stress of interplanetary travel.

The researchers communicate with the outside world via emails and video messages — occasionally delayed to give them the feel of being farther than a few yards (metres) away from mission control.

The crew members eat canned food similar to that eaten on the International Space Station and shower only once a week.

None of the men has considered abandoning the

mission, although they are free to walk out at any time, mission director and former cosmonaut Boris Morukov told reporters on Friday.

"They are still motivated, but there is a certain fatigue, which is natural," he said.

The six men are due to "land" on Mars on 12 Feb and spend two days researching the planet. They then begin the monthslong return flight to Earth, expected to be the most challenging part of the mission.

Internet

Two Russians go spacewalking outside space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, 22 Jan—A pair of Russian spacewalkers breezed through a series of chores outside the International Space Station on Friday, installing a camera and an experimental radio system.

Astronauts Dmitry Kondratyev and Oleg Skripochka set up the radio antenna and routed cable for it, then tossed the cover and cable reel overboard. TV cameras showed the items tumbling harmlessly away. The radio system is



Russian cosmonaut Dmitry Kondratyev works on the exterior of the International Space Station during a spacewalk on 21 Jan, 2011 in this still image taken from video.—INTERNET

designed to transmit large data files to Russian ground controllers.

The men also retrieved a pair of old science experiments. They worked so quickly the spacewalk ended almost an hour early, taking place on the eve of Japan's first-

ever launch of a space station supply ship.

"Guys, thank you very much for excellent work," Russian Mission Control radioed.

The commander is NASA astronaut Scott Kelly.

Internet

Testing of key oil spill evidence delayed again

NEW ORLEANS, 22 Jan—Forensic testing of a key piece of evidence in the Gulf oil spill investigation could take twice as long as expected.

An investigator with the US Chemical Safety Board — one of the groups monitoring the testing — said Friday his agency has been advised the examination may not finish until 20 March.

The Interior Department had said testing of the 300-ton blowout preventer that failed to stop oil from spewing into the Gulf of Mexico following last year's rig explosion would take two months once it started 16 Nov.

That timeframe passed on Sunday. The device, raised from the seafloor 4 Sept, sat at a NASA facility in New Orleans for two months before testing started.

A federal investigative team overseeing the testing isn't commenting.—Internet



Technology

iPad 2 won't have 2048 by 1536 resolution but iPad three might

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—It's unlikely the rumored iPad 2 tablet will have a screen resolution of 2048 by 1536 pixels—four times that of the current 1024-by-768 iPad. But future iPads might, according to research firm IDC.

Citing sources from component manufacturers, Taiwanese trade publication Digitimes reported Thursday that Apple will boost the iPad 2's resolution to "widen the company's technology gap with its competitors." Apple will begin mass production of the iPad 2 by the end of February, the report stated.

But IDC research manager Tom Mainelli believes the 2048 by 1536 prediction is premature.

"I think the Digitimes story probably got the resolution right, but the iPad version wrong," Mainelli told PCWorld via email. "Our sources say Apple has requested that manufacturers begin work on displays with that resolution for the iPad 3."—Internet



A young Russian boy suffering from leukemia has taken advantage of new robot technology to attend classes without even leaving his home.—INTERNET

Insider Software launches WEBSIWYG

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan—Insider Software, the maker of FontAgent Pro font management software, has announced the debut of WEBSIWYG, a Web-based font-catalog service that lets users view and request fonts on networked FontAgent Pro Servers.

The new service lets FontAgent Pro Server customers preview all fonts available on their organization's font servers without requiring them to first install the font files on their client computers. With WEBSIWYG (pronounced web-zee-wig), authorized

users can log into FontAgent Pro Server 4 to see what fonts are available, filter search results, and view expanded previews of the fonts they're interested in.

By offering users the ability to preview fonts in any Web browser, administrators allow them to explore the enterprise font server the same way they explore font vendor Websites. Users can see fonts in their native typefaces while letting IT, finance, and legal departments conserve and maintain control over font licensing.—Internet

FontGear releases FontDoctor 8

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—FontGear has announced the release of FontDoctor 8 for Macintosh, the font diagnosis and repair utility targeted to graphic designers and the publishing industry.

FontDoctor 8 identifies and fixes common font-related problems that can disrupt creative workflow and production. FontDoctor scans font folders (on local hard drives or on a network) to find and repair font problems, including missing PostScript fonts, missing bitmaps, corrupt or damaged fonts, font ID

conflicts, extra font sizes, mixed font types, and more. The programme can also optimize workflow by creating a library of manageable font files and folders organized by font foundry name, family name, and more.

The new version offers an updated interface, faster diagnosis and repair, enhanced reporting with charts, updated font cache cleaning, and a new font comparison tool that offers side-by-side contrast of the unique properties of separate font files.

FontDoctor 8 costs

\$70 for a single user license and \$350 for a site license. Version 7.x users can upgrade to version 8 for \$20.

FontDoctor 8 is compatible with Mac OS X 10.4 and higher.

Internet

Matsushita Electric presents its biometric security system "BM-ET300" based on the iris recognition technology enabling the identification and authentication of each person by iris-pattern in Tokyo 2003.

INTERNET



Health

Health Tip: Protect against peanut reactions

If your child is allergic to peanuts or nuts, strict precautions can help prevent a life-threatening reaction.

The Nemours Foundation offers these suggestions:

- * Ban nuts from your home, or take precautions to avoid cross-contamination of foods.
- * Avoid serving your child meals that you didn't make, or meals for which you haven't seen a complete ingredient list.
- * Talk to all food service people in a restaurant about the nut allergy. Before you eat, make sure they're confident they can avoid cross-contamination.
- * Prepare your child's snacks and meals for school, and for outings with friends.
- * Have the child or caregiver carry an epinephrine pen. Prepare an action plan, in the event of anaphylaxis, for your child's teachers, principal or day-care workers.—Internet



A nurse comforts a person suffering from the disease Alzheimer's at a care facility. An advisory committee to the US Food and Drug Administration has approved a new brain scan procedure for detecting Alzheimer's disease, as long as doctors receive additional training to use it.—INTERNET

HEPA filter may improve air near wood-burning stoves

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—HEPA filters may help lower the risk of cardiovascular disease caused by exposure to indoor air pollution, a new study suggests.

Canadian researchers looked at 45 adults from 25 homes in a small community where wood-burning stoves were the main sources of pollution. HEPA (high-efficiency particle air) filters were placed in each home's main activity room and in each participant's bedroom.

The HEPA filter was operated normally during one seven-day period and without the internal filters during another seven-day period. The participants did not know when the filters were being operated normally, the study authors noted.

Air sampling devices were installed in the homes, and the participants were asked to record their activities, locations and proximity to pollution sources every hour. Blood and urine samples were collected from the participants at the end of each seven-day period.

The researchers found that the HEPA filters reduced levels of airborne particulate matter, resulting in improved blood vessel health and reductions in blood markers associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease.

The study was published online 21 Jan ahead of print in *the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.

"HEPA filters are a potentially useful intervention since they are relatively inexpensive to purchase and operate and can effectively remove tiny particles that can be inhaled, to improve air quality inside homes where the majority of time is spent," study author Ryan Allen, an assistant professor at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia, said in a news release from the American Thoracic Society.—Internet



Students from High School in Virginia, purchase snacks at a vending machine on school property in 2005. Junk food should not be sold in schools and playgrounds, the World Health Organization said Friday in a series of recommendations aimed at promoting a healthy diet and cutting child obesity.—INTERNET

S Korea reports more cases of foot-and-mouth

SEOUL, 22 Jan—South Korea on Friday confirmed three more cases of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), which shows few signs of abating despite nationwide quarantine efforts.

The Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries said two cases of FMD were detected at small cattle farms in Asan and Gongju, about 95 km and 160 km south of Seoul respectively.

Quarantine officials have culled animals on the properties, as well as livestock within a 500-meter radius that have not received vaccines.

Another case was found at a pig farm in Pohang, about 400 km southeast of Seoul. Seven cities and provinces have been hit by the disease in the country's worst outbreak of FMD.

Xinhua

Business

British retail sales suffer slump due to snow

LONDON, 22 Jan—Retail sales in Britain tumbled in December by a record amount, official data showed Friday, as shoppers avoided the high street and companies struggled to deliver online sales due to heavy snow.

Sales dived 0.8 percent in December from November, despite the run-up to the crucial Christmas trading period.

Retail sales were also flat in December compared with 12 months earlier, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said. That was the weakest 12-month performance since January 2010. Food stores witnessed a record 3.4-percent plunge in sales last month compared with December 2009, the ONS added.

"One factor to blame was that December 2010 was the coldest December in 100 years," said ONS statistician Kate Davies. "Another factor was a 5.0-percent rise (year-on-year) in prices of goods sold at food stores."—Internet



Traders sit in the Goldman Sachs' booth on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. US investment bank Goldman Sachs on Wednesday said fourth-quarter profit dropped 52 percent amid falling revenue, dragging down full-year 2010 earnings by 38 percent from a year ago.

INTERNET

Russia forecasts grain harvest up to 85 mln tons

MOSCOW, 22 Jan—Russia could harvest 80-85 million tons of grain in 2011, First Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov said Friday.

Zubkov visited the southern Krasnodar Region, where Russia's best grain areas were located, *Interfax* news agency reported.

According to Zubkov, the areas under crops should increase by 25-30 percent this year.

"We are increasing the spring crop area because we did not sow enough winter crops due to the temperature," Zubkov said, adding that the

government's embargo on grain exports would stay in force as decided earlier. The government will supply farmers from a grain intervention fund starting February, lend farmers 150 billion rubles (about 5 billion US dollars), and curb prices for mineral fertilizers and fuel.

In 2010, Russia suffered a 37-percent drop in crops, to 60.9 million tons, because of a summer drought that destroyed 13.3 million hectares of grain or 30 percent of the area under crop in 43 regions of the country.

Xinhua

Euro hits two-month high on less concerns about debt crisis

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—The euro hit a two-month high above 1.36 dollars in late New York trading on Friday and its break of important technical levels suggested more gains to come as concerns about the eurozone debt crisis started to ease.

This week, meetings have been held to assure some investors that a plan to counter Europe's debt crisis would be completed soon. And on Friday, a closely followed survey of German business confidence rose to its highest level in two decades, which also boosted confidence in the euro.

The dollar was broadly lower Friday as stocks were driven higher by strong earnings from General Electric Co. The safe-haven dollar tends to drop when assets such as stocks and commodities rise.

In late Thursday trading, the euro rose to 1.3602 dollars from 1.3469.

The British pound rose to 1.6002 dollars from 1.5910, while the dollar fell to 82.60 Japanese yen from 83.04 yen.—Xinhua



BP chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg (L) shakes hands with Rosneft president Eduard Khudainatov at BP headquarters in London 14 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

Malaysian commandos free tanker off Somalia

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Jan—Malaysian naval commandos have rescued 23 crew and captured seven Somali pirates following a firefight to free a hijacked oil tanker in the Gulf of Aden, according to reports.

The commandos were called in after the Malaysian tanker *MT Bunga Laurel*, sent out a distress call late Thursday after pirates armed with AK-47 assault rifles boarded and took control of the ship.

State media said the tanker was headed to Singapore with a cargo of



This file photo released by the Dutch Navy shows the crew of a suspect pirates' skiff speeding off the coast of Somalia. Malaysian naval commandos have rescued 23 crew and captured seven Somali pirates following a firefight to free a hijacked oil tanker in the Gulf of Aden, according to reports.—INTERNET

oil worth more than 30 million ringgit (10 million dollars) when it was

hijacked. Malaysian navy chief Admiral Abdul Aziz Jaafar

said the commandos, who were manning a commercial vessel protecting shipping in the area, responded to the distress call. He said one of the navy's Fennec attack helicopters was also involved in rescue, according to the *New Straits Times* newspaper Saturday, which ran a front page picture of the captured pirates held at gunpoint.

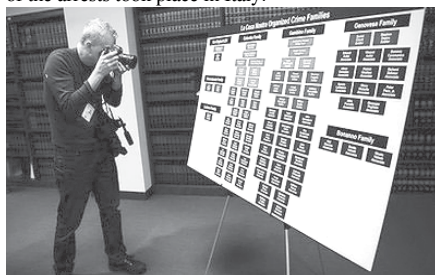
"The attack helicopter kept the pirate's mother ship at bay with several rounds of machine-gun fire while the commandos boarded the tanker," he told the paper.—*Internet*

FBI pummels NY mafia in mass arrests

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—US law enforcement agents snatched more than 100 alleged Cosa Nostra mobsters in arrests around New York Thursday in the biggest such operation on record against the Italian-American mafia.

More than 800 officers took part in the early morning roundup in New York City, New Jersey and Rhode Island, Attorney General Eric Holder told a Press conference.

The sweep, featuring "unprecedented" cooperation between the FBI, local police and other bodies, netted 127 alleged mafia members and associates, he said. One of the arrests took place in Italy.



A photographer takes a picture of a chart displaying arrested organized crime members during a press conference by US Attorney General Eric Holder at the US Attorney's Office in New York.—INTERNET

"Today's arrests and charges mark an important step forward in disrupting La Cosa Nostra's illegal activities," said Holder, who took the unusual step of traveling to Brooklyn to announce the arrests.

He said this had been "the largest single-day operation" against the organized crime families.—*Internet*



Workers wearing protection suits prepare to cull chickens at a poultry farm where the bird flu virus had been found in Miyazaki, southern Japan on 22 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Japan culls 10,000 chickens to contain bird flu

TOKYO, 22 Jan—Japan has begun slaughtering some 10,000 chickens at a poultry farm in western Miyazaki prefecture in a bid to contain an outbreak of bird flu, according to the local government.

Officials in the prefecture, 900 kilometres (560 miles) southwest of Tokyo, said 36 chickens were found dead on Friday at the poultry farm.

Preliminary tests confirmed that six of the birds had died of the H5 subtype of the avian flu virus, the officials said.

In an effort to prevent a larger outbreak, the local government decided to slaughter all the chickens at the farm while setting up 20 checkpoints for disinfection and banned any movement of chickens within 10 kilometres.

It was the first bird flu outbreak since 2007 in Miyazaki, where a foot-and-mouth outbreak also forced the slaughter of almost 300,000 farm animals last year.

In Tokyo, Prime Minister Naoto Kan set up a task force Saturday morning to "promptly" introduce necessary measures to contain the bird flu outbreak, officials said.

Internet

Speeding, drunk driving major causes of traffic accidents in Georgia

TBILISI, 22 Jan—Speeding and drunk driving have been the major causes of fatal traffic accidents which occurred last year in the South Caucasus country of Georgia, the country's traffic police have claimed.

Of the 2,516 traffic accidents in 2010, 979 were caused by speeding while 196 were the results of drunk driving, which combined to kill 204 people, according to police statistics. In all 509 people died of traffic accidents last year in the country.

Traffic accidents increased by 6.6 percent last year, compared with the previous 12 months.

To improve road safety, the government of Georgia has enforced the implementation of front seat belts starting from 1 Dec last year.

The authorities have also imposed restrictions on car window tinting which impairs visibility to sometimes result in traffic accidents as well. The car window tinting restrictions went into force on 10 Nov last year.—*Xinhua*

Oil spill takes place off Mumbai Coast

MUMBAI, 22 Jan—An oil spill took place Friday from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's (ONGC) fields off the Mumbai coast here.

"The initial assessment of the extent of oil spill is about one mile long," the ONGC said in a statement. The leak was detected near the Bassein oil and gas field platform, about 80 km from the Mumbai Coast.

Special vessels equipped to repair the pipeline have been sent by the ONGC to the site of the leak. In order to ensure minimum damage to the environment, the Coast Guard has also activated the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan," said the ONGC in the statement.

The ONCG added that the connected oil and gas wells are being closed for safety reasons. The production loss may last for about three hours only.

"Due to these interim measures, a loss of 25,000 barrels is anticipated," the ONGC said.

Xinhua

Icy weather kills seven Vietnamese, 20,000 livestock

HANOI, 22 Jan—An official and state-controlled media say a cold spell over the past three weeks has killed at least seven people as well as more than 20,000 cows and buffalos.

Hoang Kim Giao, director of the Livestock Breeding Department, says calves made up 70 percent of the livestock that died across 18 northern provinces.

Friday's *Vietnam News* reported that seven people died, either from the cold or from carbon monoxide poisoning due to coal braziers that people lit to stay warm. Children and the elderly also have swamped hospitals, mostly with respiratory illness.

The cold spell was forecast to last at least two more weeks. Temperatures have plunged as low as 26 Fahrenheit (-3.6 degrees Celsius). The norm for this period is typically around 60 F (15 C).—*Internet*



Dai Baoyi, a four-year-old girl, sits on a luggage as her grandpa deals with luggages at the Hefei railway station in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 21 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

13th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting held



The 13th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting in progress at Myanmar International Convention Centre.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—The opening ceremony of the 13th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Ministerial Meeting was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) in Zabuthiri Township, here, today.

Present at the meeting were Ministers of Foreign Affairs and senior officers of the BIMSTEC member countries—Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein, departmental heads, ambassadors of

BIMSTEC member countries and guests.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win delivered an address. Bangladeshi delegation leader Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Dipu Moni MP, Bhutanese delegation leader Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Indian delegation leader Deputy Minister of External Affairs Mrs Premeet Kaur, Nepalese delegation leader Ms Guna Laxmi Sharma (Bishow Karama) Sri Lankan delegation leader Deputy Minister of External Affairs Mr Neomal Perera and Thai delegation leader Minister of Foreign

Affairs Mr Kasit Piromya also made addresses.

The meeting focused on establishment of the BIMSTEC Permanent

Secretariat and 14 priority areas. Leaders of the delegation issued a joint statement.

After the meeting,

leaders of seven BIMSTEC countries signed the Memorandum of Understanding on establishment of

BIMSTEC Energy Centre.

On 20 January and yesterday, the preliminary meeting for the 13th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting and the 15th BIMSTEC Senior Officials' Meeting, and the 15th Senior Officials' Meeting chaired by Director-General U Maung Wai of International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were held at Golden Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

BIMSTEC delegations left here for Yangon in the afternoon from which they went back to their respective homes.

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Leaders of delegations of BIMSTEC member countries sign MoU on establishment of BIMSTEC Energy Centre.—MNA

Industry-1 Maung Myanmar Men's Women's Cycling Contest concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— The Ministry of Industry-1 held the prize presentation for the Industry-1 Maung Myanmar Men's/Women's Cycling Contest at the hall in Myingyan this morning, attended by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang.

Minister U Aung Thuang presented K 500,000 each to first prize winners in the two

events. Officials of the Ministry of Industry-1 gave second and third prizes to the respective winners. A total of 141 men and 44 women participated in the contest. The prizes in total amounted to K 5.4 million.—MNA

The opening ceremony of Kanyin Creek Bridge in progress in Ingapu Township.—MNA

Kanyin Creek Bridge inaugurated in Ingapu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— A ceremony to commission 240-foot

reinforced concrete Kanyin Creek Bridge into service was held at

the bridge yesterday. Chairman of Ayeyawady Region

Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win delivered an opening address.

Deputy Construction Minister U Myint Thein explained construction works of the bridge. A local spoke words of thanks.

The deputy minister and officials formally opened the bridge.

The commander unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge.

The bridge built by Bridge Construction Special Group-1 of Public Works lies on Hinthada-Hsongon-Myanaung Road in Ingapu Township.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein together with foreign ministers poses for documentary photo at the opening of the 13th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting and the 15th BIMSTEC Senior Officials' Meeting.
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In order to reach desired goal, BIMSTEC need...

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the early conclusion of the BIMSTEC FTA will bring us more trade and investment.

Connectivity is another important element of the socio-economic development of our region. Therefore, we need to work together for the implementation of the BIMSTEC Transport Infrastructure and Logistics Study (BTLS) and to harness its potential so that the benefits are spread to each corner of the region.

doing so, we will become less dependent on imported oil. We also need to promote more cooperation among BIMSTEC countries to promote government and private investment in natural gas infrastructure.

We are gathered here while human tragedies are affecting almost every corner of the world due to natural disasters. With natural disasters, we are witnessing our development efforts being threatened. Although we have agreed to set up BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate to promote regional cooperation on disaster risk reduction and management among our countries,

Poverty is an issue which our group is tackling on daily basis. We have focused poverty alleviation in the context of ensuring food security in our region. While recognizing poverty as multidimensional and complex issue, we must work together in drafting the Poverty Plan of Action (PPA). In doing so, BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Alleviation can be convened in Nepal in the near future.

Since founding of our grouping in 1997, we have witnessed our grouping being evolved into an important framework for regional cooperation reflecting the political will of the seven member countries. Regular interactions at various levels have taken place and two Summits, twelve Ministerial meetings and fifteen Senior Officials' Meetings have been held so far. In order to keep up and sustain the momentum of our grouping, there is an urgent need for early establishment of the Permanent Secretariat.

A year and a half ago, Myanmar assumed the BIMSTEC Chairmanship. Under our Chairmanship, the member states were tasked with finding an amicable solution to the establishment of BIMSTEC Permanent Secretariat. It is learnt that there were long and arduous negotiations among member countries. Myanmar commends the efforts made by them and appreciates the constructive discussion, understanding and flexibility demonstrated in negotiations. There still remains much to be done. The group needs to move forward with further detailed discussions for the actual realization of the Secretariat. The emergence of the BIMSTEC Permanent Secretariat will be followed by the appointment of an Executive Director and we look forward to working closely with the new Executive Director.

The Prime Minister in conclusion said that he hoped the delegates would achieve success in their deliberations and enjoy the warm hospitality of Myanmar. He then posed for documentary photos together with Foreign Affairs Ministers of BIMSTEC member countries.—MNA

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One such benefit is the contribution towards promotion of tourism sector. Tourism, as you are all aware, is a lucrative business that is beneficial in terms of income generation, employment generation, boosting local economy, boosting improved transport system, to name a few. It is also the industry that is already established in each of our countries. Furthermore, it is also a sector that BIMSTEC is promoting for development. In this connection, Myanmar would like to suggest exploring the idea of devising joint tour programmes involving all BIMSTEC countries. These tour programmes will aim not only to promote tourism industry itself but also can promote social and cultural aspects of our respective countries. Myanmar views that BIMSTEC countries can work together to promote BIMSTEC's cultural, national heritage, eco or nature tours. Myanmar would propose that the Group should look into such possibility for the future undertaking.

Energy security is one of the pressing issues which our grouping is highly aware of and trying to overcome. We highly appreciate the Ministers responsible for energy for the establishment of BIMSTEC Energy Centre. Our sincere appreciation goes to the Government of India for hosting the BIMSTEC Energy Centre. After establishing the BIMSTEC Energy Centre, we must work together to promote utilization of natural gas as clean energy for the region. In

more efforts are still needed to obtain our goal.

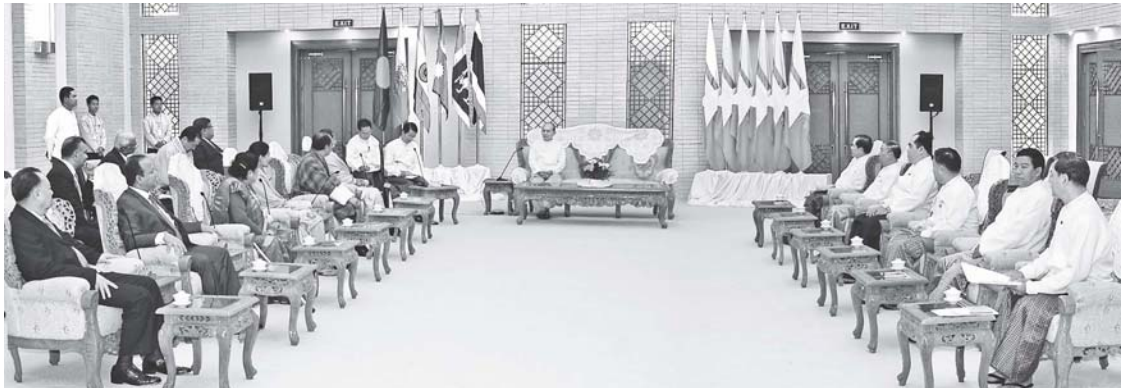
We have signed the BIMSTEC Convention on Cooperation in Combating International Terrorism, Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Drug Trafficking during the 12th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. Signing of the convention reflected the collective cooperation and determination of our member countries to combat the menace posed by terrorism, organized crime and trafficking.

Our Group should not be complacent with just signing of conventions and agreements among us. Being able to sign the agreements is a beginning in the right direction. It is an initial step to what we want to achieve. Thus, in order to reach our desired goals, Myanmar urges that based on shared interest, we need to move forward to the vigorous implementation stage with appropriate and effective action plans.

The emergence of the BIMSTEC Permanent Secretariat will be followed by the appointment of an Executive Director and we look forward to working closely with the new Executive Director.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein receives BIMSTEC FMs and high-ranking officers

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Dr Dipu Moni, M P, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan Mr Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Deputy Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India Mrs Preneet Kaur, Ambassador of Nepal to Myanmar Ms Guna Laxmi Sharma (Bishowkarama) on behalf of Nepalese Foreign Minister, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Social Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Neomal Perera, Minister of Foreign Affairs of



Prime Minister U Thein Sein receives Ministers of Foreign Affairs and senior officials from BIMSTEC countries at Myanmar International Convention Centre.—MNA

Thailand Mr Kasit Piromya, high-ranking officers from BIMSTEC member countries and the foreign ambassadors to Myanmar, who came to Myanmar to attend

13th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting and 15th BIMSTEC Senior Officials' Meeting organized by Myanmar, at Myanmar International Con-

vention Centre (MICC) here this morning. Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Energy U Lun Thi,

Deputy Minister for National Planning Economic Development U Thurein Zaw, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein, Director-General of the Govern-

ment Office U Thant Shin and Director-General of Protocol Department of the Foreign Affairs Ministry U Kyaw Kyaw.

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Maj-Gen Myint Soe tours Gangaw, Pale, Monywa townships

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence on 17 January morning met servicemen and family members at the hall of local battalion in Gangaw and presented gifts to them. He viewed development of villages along both sides of Monywa-Pale-Gangaw Road, cultivation of cold season crops and tarmacking of road section.

In Letpugan Village of Pale Township, he looked into thriving chickpea and sunflower mixed-crop plantations on the model plot. Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin and officials, Maj-Gen Myint Soe on 18 January viewed progress of Monywa. At the hall of local battalion,



he met servicemen and family members. After giving gifts to them, he

inspected agricultural tasks of the battalion.

MNA

Maj-Gen Myint Soe of Ministry of Defence looks into thriving chickpea and sunflower mixed-cropping plantation in Letpugan Village of Pale Township.—MNA



Zaw Creek Bridge inaugurated in Kanbalu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— The 180 feet long reinforced concrete Zaw Creek Bridge on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road was inaugurated in Kanbalu Township yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe explained construction of the bridge.

An official of North-West Command made a speech. A local spoke words of thanks.

The deputy minister and party formally opened the bridge.

The 180 feet long and 24 feet wide RC bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

It is the 253rd facility of its kind built in the entire nation and the 21st in Sagaing Region by Public Works.

Thanks to the bridge, paddy and beans and pulses of Kachin State will be transported to Mandalay by car in a short time. In addition, the bridge will contribute to improvement of economic, social, management, education and health sectors of the region.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe formally unveils stone inscription of Zaw Creek Bridge.—MNA

Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section...

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section, trains could run along the railroad from Pathein to Pakokku.

The construction of Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section that started on 1-4-2008 took three years and

Railway Network. These railroads are: 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku railroad, 257-mile Minbu-An-Sittway railroad, 98-mile Katha-Bhamo railroad, 95-mile Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad, 226-

miles out of 2265 miles of railroads to be built are under construction and 403 miles have been opened, and efforts are being made for opening the railroad sections as soon as possible.

In conclusion, the minister said that Myanma Railways will serve the nation and the public interests by



Local people warmly welcome maiden trip of train on Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section.—MNA

three months of construction period. The railroad has 122 small and large bridges, four stations, 27 curves with 6° in maximum and maximum gradient of 1:100.

Rail transportation saves transport charge and carries many commodities. The existing railroads are being connected as the National Railway Network in the Union. The plans were made to construct the railroads in all States and Regions for creating the National

Mongnai-Kengtung railroad, 132-mile Dawei-Myeik railroad, 89-mile Pathein-Begarathlinethaya railroad, 48-mile Hinthada-Nyaungdon railroad, 120-mile Pyay-Toungoo railroad, 120-mile Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon-Pinlaung railroad, 475-mile Myitkyina-Bhamo-Hsipaw-Namsang railroad, 135-mile Kalay-Kalewa-Yagyi-Monywa railroad and 150-mile Toungoo-Yado-Loikaw railroad. A total of 1862

striving for swift flow of commodities and passengers and better rail transportation.

A local spoke words of thanks.

The commander, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Chairman of Magway Region PDC U Phone Maw Shwe and party formally opened the railroad section. The commander unveiled the stone inscription.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation



Passengers seen on board the maiden trip of train on Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section.—MNA

Thura U Thaug Lwin and U Pe Than, departmental officials and local people.

the ninth section of its kind. On completion of 20.50-mile Pwintbyu-Hsinbyukyung section

Sittway of Rakhine State through Minbu-An-Sittway Road. On completion of



They took maiden trip of the train along the newly opened railroad section and presented gifts to passengers.

Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section is part of 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project. It was

and the 19.59-mile Kyunchaung-Yawchaung section, Pakokku of Magway Region will have easy access to Pathein of Ayeyawady Region, to Nyaungdon-Yangon via Hinthada, Kalay,

Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad, Nay Pyi Taw will be hub of rail transportation to all regions of the nation saving expense in transport of domestic products.

MNA



Photo shows the train running on newly opened Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project.

MNA

Youth tennis squads arrive to participate in ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011

YANGON, 22 Jan—With the permission of International Tennis Federation (ITF), Myanmar will host ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here from 24 January to 1 February. The youth tennis squads from participating countries were arriving here by air starting this morning to evening. They were welcomed by officials from Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Tennis Federation.

Arriving squads are from Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Mongolia, Laos and Singapore and West Asian ITF Team.

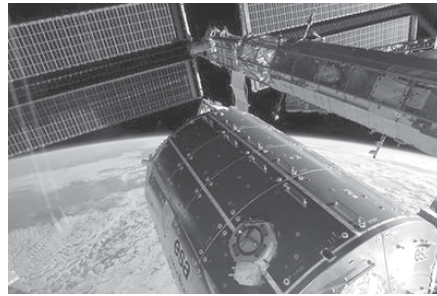
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Japan rocket lifts off for space station

TOKYO, 22 Jan—A Japanese rocket carrying supplies for the *International Space Station* has lifted off from a remote island in southern Japan.

The unmanned rocket blasted off Saturday. It was carrying nearly six tons of food, water, clothing and experimental equipment to the astronauts in orbit on the space station, an international project involving 15 nations.

After docking with the space station, dropping off its cargo and being loaded up with waste material, the transfer vehicle, named “*Kounotori2*,” will be detached and burn itself up upon re-entering the Earth’s atmosphere.—*Internet*



A section of the International Space Station (ISS) is pictured in this file photo, provided by NASA. A Japanese rocket blasted off to deliver more than five tonnes of supplies to the ISS, according to Japan's space agency.—INTERNET

Unemployment drops slightly in Latin America and Caribbean Region

SANTIAGO, 22 Jan— Unemployment in Latin America and the Caribbean Region fell by 0.6 percent to 7.5 percent in 2010, according to a joint report issued Friday by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Thanks to a 6-percent economic growth rate last year, unemployment is expected to fall further by 0.2-0.4 percent this year, the report said.

However, the employment situation in the region is still quite uneven, which would hurt job growth in the long run, it said.

ECLAC executive secretary Alicia Barcena and the ILO’s director for the region Jean Maninat said countries in the region should strengthen their macroeconomic policies and improve political coordination at regional and global levels. The report also noted regional challenges in transforming development modes with a view to achieving sustainable economic growth.—*Xinhua*

HK Disneyland celebrates 5th anniversary of operation



Flights of Fantasy Parade is held in Hong Kong, south China on, Jan. 21, 2011. Hong Kong Disneyland held celebration for its 5th anniversary and kicked off the year-long programme “Celebration in the Air” Friday. XINHUA

HONG KONG, 22 Jan— Hong Kong Disneyland, which was opened in September 2005, launched a year-long event “Celebration in the Air” on Friday to celebrate its 5th anniversary.

Hong Kong’s popular singers Kelly Chen and Hacken Lee entertained tourists with the theme song for “Celebration in the Air”, along with the first-ever appearance of Tinker Bell, Mickey in his celebratory costume and many other beloved Disney characters.

The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Donald Tsang and other officials attended the celebration event opening ceremony. Then, the inaugural showing of the all-new “Flights of Fantasy Parade” began. Seven sets of float featuring Disney characters and more than 80 performers joined the parade. One of the floats “Mickey’s magical airship” wowed tourists when it brought the performance stage up to 40 feet high.

There are two interactive stops throughout the parade, making kids especially excited.—*Xinhua*



A girl visits the 106th annual New York Boat Show at the Javits Centre in New York, the United States, on 21 Jan, 2011. The five-day boat show kicked off here on 19 Jan. —XINHUA

Inflation worries mean an uncertain 2011 for British workers and businesses

LONDON, 22 Jan— Inflation in Britain hit 3.7 percent for December, according to government statistics, a rise of 0.4 percent on November, giving rise to complex and sometimes contradictory fears for businesses and for workers.

New highs in commodity prices, with oil pushing at the 100 US dollars a barrel mark and foodstuffs suffering inflation across the globe, are making their effect felt with higher prices on British high streets. 4 January also saw Value Added Tax (VAT), a sales tax on many goods and some services, raised from 17.5 percent to 20 percent as part of the coalition government’s tactics to reduce its near record public spending deficit of 149 billion pounds (about 238 billion US dollars) for

2010/11. This will push inflation figures upwards even more over the next 12 months as the rise works its way through the figures.

Inflation in Britain is higher than in other comparative parts of the world. In the eurozone, for instance, inflation was pushed up to 2.2 percent in December, above its 2 percent target but still not close to the British levels.

A major tool for controlling inflation is the interest rate set by Britain’s central bank, the Bank of England (BOE), and each month, the BOE’s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meets to fix interest rates, which have been held at a record low of 0.5 percent since March 2009, in a continued attempt to boost the economy.—*Xinhua*

Facebook raises \$1.5 billion, valued at \$50 billion



The logo of social networking website ‘Facebook’ is displayed on a computer screen. Facebook announced on Friday that it had raised \$1.5 billion in a private share offering that valued the social network at approximately \$50 billion.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 Jan— Facebook announced Friday that it had raised \$1.5 billion from investors in a private share offering that valued the booming social network at approximately \$50 billion.

“Our business continues to perform well, and we are pleased to be able to bolster our cash position with this new financing,” Facebook chief financial officer David Ebersman said in a statement.

“With this investment completed, we now have greater financial

flexibility to explore whatever opportunities lie ahead.”

Facebook said US investment bank Goldman Sachs completed an oversubscribed offering to its non-US clients in a fund that invested \$1 billion in Facebook Class A common stock.

Russia’s Digital Sky Technologies, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc, and funds managed by Goldman Sachs meanwhile invested \$500 million in Facebook Class A common stock at the same \$50 billion valuation.

Facebook also said it expected to surpass the ceiling of 500 shareholders sometime this year and would start filing public financial reports no later than 30 April, 2012.

US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules require firms with 500 or more shareholders of record in a given type of stock to publicly disclose certain financial information. Facebook, the world’s top social network with nearly 600 million members, said it had “no immediate plans” for the newly raised funds, indicating it “will continue investing to build and expand its operations.”—*Internet*

US banks show recovery in 2010

NEW YORK, 22 Jan— Business bounced back at the major US banks in 2010, with most showing improved earnings, but some of the largest firms faced lingering symptoms of the crisis and faced new curbs on lucrative business. Quarterly earnings season got under way this past week with most banks serving Wall Street and Main Street showing better health, but with legislation and a new financial reality weighing on a few.

“The banks are getting healthier but are having trouble increasing revenue,” said Gregori Volokhine, at Meeschaert Capital Markets, pointing to the end of some profitable business that sustained banks during the boom years. While a rosier credit market allowed firms to put rainy-day savings back to work, curbs on own-account trading and the end of the bond market boom made growth difficult.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV HANSEDUO VOY NO (002)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HANSEDUO VOY NO (002) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (557)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (557) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.1.2011 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.

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A long queue formed at the ATM at Scotmid in Fintry Road, Dundee.— INTERNET

ATM 'spits out' money in Dundee

DUNDEE, 22 Jan — Dozens of people flocked to a cash machine in Dundee after it started "spitting out" money, it has emerged. Police were called to the Scotmid branch in Fintry Road after staff noticed a crowd gathering outside the ATM at the front of the shop. A witness told the BBC Scotland news website the machine was paying out double the amounts requested. The ATM, which is operated by Bank Machine Ltd,

was put out of commission shortly afterwards.

One witness, who asked not to be named, said: "The machine was spitting out money. "There were 50 or 60 people queuing outside the shop and people were running around with smiles on their faces, saying it was paying out double the amount people were asking for." Scotmid said the ATM was operated independently and was not connected to the store.

Internet

'Unluckiest Traveller' wins \$10K vacation

VENTURA, 22 Jan — A California doctor who fell from a cliff in Vietnam was awarded a \$10,000 vacation and dubbed the World's Unluckiest Traveller in an online vote.

Gary Feldman, of Ventura, smashed his right leg when he plunged 30 feet off a cliff shortly after arriving in Vietnam for a medical mission. He was voted the World's Unluckiest Traveller over more than 800 other entries in the contest sponsored by insurance company Travel Guard, the New York Daily News reported on Thursday.

Feldman, who has undergone seven surgeries since a 14-hour ambulance ride to Thailand, will receive a \$10,000 dream vacation, Trip Guard said.— Internet

Pill slows spread of skin cancer in half of cases

LONDON, 22 Jan — A new drug for skin cancer can slow the spread of the disease in half of patients, thereby extending their lives, a study says. A trial of 680 patients at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London tested a drug that attacks a genetic mutation found in half of all skin cancer cases. The drug was effective on patients with advanced malignant melanoma. The study has been welcomed by Cancer Research UK, but not yet published for review by other cancer specialists.

Dr Lesley Walker from Cancer Research UK, said she hoped that the drug would become available to patients quickly: "There are very few options for patients with advanced melanoma, so these results are really encouraging. The drug is not yet licensed and unavailable to patients not on a clinical trial, but



About 2,000 people in the UK die from skin cancer each year.

INTERNET

we hope that these results will change this situation very rapidly."

Malignant melanoma is now the second most common cancer in young adults — aged 15-34 — in the UK. Rates of melanoma are rising faster than any other common cancer.

The cancer is treatable if caught early, but survival rates are low once the cancer spreads. The new drug targets a specific faulty gene — the mutated BRAF protein. This is present in around half of all melanoma cases.

Internet

Survivor cat up for adoption soon

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan — A 2-year-old cat that survived weeks locked in a closet in Melbourne, Fla., will soon be up for adoption, the head of an animal rescue group

said. Ralph Lombard, president of The Last Chance Sanctuary, said the silver tabby, Hannah-Belle, has recovered since her 9 Dec rescue and will be available for adoption after she is spayed, Florida Today reported on Friday.

Brevard County animal enforcement and Palm Bay police officers discovered Hannah-Belle locked in a closet with the remains of five other felines in the abandoned rental home of Suzanne Fountain, 30. The door to the closet had been barricaded shut with a toolbox, authorities said.

Internet



Carolin Berger died in Hamburg.— INTERNET

GE earnings climb on strengthening global economy



President Obama (C) passes a turbine as he tours General Electric's birthplace in Schenectady, New York, 21 on Jan, 2011. Flanking Obama are GE CEO Jeffrey Immelt.—INTERNET

BOSTON, 22 Jan — General Electric Co posted a better-than-expected profit, helped by strong emerging-market demand for heavy equipment and

setting the stage for what could be a wave of strong manufacturing earnings reports.

US President Barack Obama tapped GE Chief Executive Jeffrey

Immelt on Friday to head a new economic advisory panel in a strong sign of how investor and public opinion has changed about a company that became one of the dogs of Wall Street during the recession.

Shares of the world's largest maker of jet engines and electric turbines rose 7 percent on Friday, hitting their highest level since the thick of the financial crisis in November 2008, and making GE the biggest lift to the blue-chip Dow Jones industrial average.—Reuters

Drought worsens in east China province

JINAN, 22 Jan — The worst drought in six decades is escalating in eastern China's Shandong Province, a spokesperson with the local Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said Saturday.

A total of 240,000 people and 107,000 head of livestock are suffering from short supply of drinking water in the province.

Approximately 2.01 million hectares of wheat land has been affected by the drought,

or 55.9 percent of the province's total farmland sown to the crop, some 73,333 hectares more than the week-earlier level.

Accumulative precipitation since September averaged 11 mm in Shandong, 86 percent less than the year-earlier level.

The province has earmarked 680 million yuan (103 million US dollars) and motivated 2.11 million people for fighting drought.

Xinhua

German reality TV star Cora dies after sixth breast op

HAMBURG, 22 Jan — German tabloids have been mourning reality TV star Carolin "Sexy Cora" Berger, who died in a coma after her sixth breast operation, aged 23. Ms Berger, a sex film celebrity, had joined the German version of Big Brother last year, where she behaved more and more outrageously. She embarked on a series of breast enlargements in a bid to keep her publicity going.

Hamburg prosecutors are investigating her doctors for negligence. Ms Berger was put in an artificial coma on 11 January because of serious complications after her sixth operation, which took place at a clinic in the north German city. It is believed she suffered two cardiac arrests after the procedure to enlarge her breasts from a 70F to a 70G (UK: 34F to 34G). She had wanted to increase the size of her silicone breast enhancements from 500g (18oz) to 800g (28oz) each, Bild newspaper reported.— Internet

Slice of 'Charles and Diana wedding cake' sold

A shrivelled 30-year-old piece of confectionery, said to be from Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding cake, has sold for NZ\$380 (\$290) on a New Zealand Internet auction site.

Christchurch woman Katrina Greenslade auctioned the slice of royal history on auction site Trade Me, claiming it had been in family since 1981.

The winner, known only as Paul, fought off numerous bidders for the cake, which attracted 40,000 hits on the site.

Greenslade said the bite-sized morsel was obtained by her father, a sergeant in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, when a tier of the royal wedding cake was sent to the air force after the ill-fated marriage in July 1981.



A picture of Lady Diana, Princess of Wales and Prince Charles of Wales at their wedding in London at St Paul Cathedral in 1981. A shrivelled 30-year-old piece of confectionery, said to be from Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding cake, has sold for NZ\$380 (\$290) on a New Zealand Internet auction site.

Man wearing Obama mask robs Austrian bank

A man who robs banks wearing a rubber mask of US President Barack Obama has struck again, Austrian police said Friday.

The disguised thief robbed a bank in the town of Handenberg in Upper Austria just before the bank closed at 6:00 pm (1700 GMT), police said in statement.

Police believe the same man, disguised by his Obama mask, has

been carrying out such bank raids for the past two years.

He threatened the bank's employee with a gun, shouting: "This is a hold-up. Give me the money."

The robber — who apparently spoke with a local dialect — initially fled by foot with the money in a black shoulder bag.

Witnesses said they then sped off in a dark car with a Salzburg region number plate.

No one was hurt during the hold-up, police said.

The statement did not say how much money the robber made off with, but the daily *Kronenzeitung*, in its online edition, put the amount at 10,000 euros (13,500 dollars).



A sport fan wearing an Barack Obama mask at an American Football match in 2008. Austrian police reported Friday that a man who robs banks wearing a rubber mask of Obama has struck again, Austrian police said Friday.



South Korean men walk past a logo of Samsung Electronics at its main building in Seoul in 2010. A South Korean has been arrested for allegedly cooking his mobile phone in a microwave and then claiming damages from the manufacturer Samsung Electronics, police said Friday.

S Korean accused of cooking up phone claim

A South Korean has been arrested for allegedly cooking his mobile phone in a microwave and then claiming damages from the manufacturer Samsung Electronics, police said Friday. The 28-year-old identified only as Lee is accused of accepting compensation of five million won (\$4,500) from the firm after claiming his phone had exploded while being charged.

But the National Institute of Scientific Investigation concluded the phone was "artificially modified" due to exposure to electromagnetic waves in a microwave, police said in a statement. Lee staged about 50 one-man protests in front of Samsung Electronics' headquarters and at Incheon International Airport before receiving compensation.

Madonna 'likely' to present new film in Berlin



US megastar Madonna, pictured in February 2010, is "very likely" to present extracts of her new film "W.E" in a private screening on the sidelines of the Berlin film festival next month, organizers have said.—INTERNET

BERLIN, 22 Jan—US megastar Madonna is "very likely" to present extracts of her new film "W.E" in a private screening on the sidelines of the Berlin film festival next month, organizers said on Friday.

"It is very likely that she will come to Berlin, but it has nothing to do with the festival. As far as we know, she is presenting her latest film on the sidelines of the festival," said a Berlinale spokesman.

"She has rented a cinema for a private screening at the European Film Market (EFM)", running in parallel to the Berlinale, which runs from 10 to 20 February, added the spokesman.

Internet

Warner Music seeking buyers, wants EMI

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—Major US record company Warner Music has hired investment bank Goldman Sachs to search for potential buyers as it pursues a bid for Britain's troubled EMI, *The New York Times* reported.

Warner, whose catalog of artists includes Frank Sinatra, the Bee Gees, The Doors, Youssou N'Dour, REM and Green Day, decided to hire Goldman after buyout firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR) and others sought to buy the firm, the *Times* said, citing an executive briefed on the matter.



Britain's EMI.—INTERNET

The newspaper said the auction could see Warner sell only its prized publishing branch Warner/Chappell, rather than the entire company.

Internet

Winfrey promises to spill family secret Monday

LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan—Oprah Winfrey has staged many a family reunion on her talk show. But on Monday's episode, she promises, the drama will be about her. Winfrey told viewers Thursday that she will have a reunion of her own on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." She wouldn't say with whom — only that it involves something she's learned about recently and is known to only a few people close to her.

"I thought I'd seen it all. But this, my friends, is the miracle of all miracles," Winfrey says in a promotional spot for the show. The word "miracle" appears on screen, reinforcing her pronouncement. "I was given some news that literally shook me to my core. This time, I'm the one being reunited," she said. "I was keeping a family secret for months, and on Monday you're going to hear it straight from me."—*Internet*



Talk show host Oprah Winfrey poses at the OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network launch cocktail reception for the Television Critics Association winter press tour in Pasadena, California on 6 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

WikiLeaks founder's story optioned as feature film

LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan—An upcoming biography of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange isn't even in stores yet, and it's already been optioned into a feature film.

Plans are under way for Andrew Fowler's book, "The Most Dangerous Man in the World," to be turned into a movie. The Australian reporter first interviewed Assange last May, and his investigative biography is due out later this year. Josephson Entertainment and Michelle Krumm Productions jointly optioned the movie rights.

Assange, 39, is the founder of WikiLeaks, a whistle-blowing website that revealed classified information. He's in London, where he's battling extradition to Sweden over sex-crime allegations.—*Internet*

News Album

Man United 5 Birmingham 0: Another Berbatov Hat-trick the Highlight for Reds



ManU, 22 Jan—A third hat-trick of this increasingly prolific season for Dimitar Berbatov continued Manchester United's unbeaten streak in a victory which hardly required the league leaders to break sweat.

The Bulgarian, whose 18 goals this season now include a three against Liverpool and five against Blackburn, set United on their way to a 22nd consecutive unbeaten league game this season - 27 dating back to last - after two minutes. He headed in from close range after John O'Shea had steered a Ryan Giggs corner towards the far post.

Just after the half-hour, Roger Johnson gifted Anderson the ball in midfield and Wayne Rooney's through ball allowed Berbatov to beat the same Birmingham defender and keeper Ben Foster with a confident finish.—*Internet*

Kaka says step it up Benzema

MADRID, 22 Jan—Brazilian star Kaka warned out-of-favour Real Madrid attacker Karim Benzema that he needs to do more to convince coach Jose Mourinho that he is the answer to the Spanish giants' striker crisis. "Benzema is a great player. During training you can clearly see his qualities. He can be an important player for Real, it all depends on him," said Kaka. "Sometimes he stays a little out of the game and we believe that he can do a little more."

light after Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain was ruled out of action through injury. After Real's 1-1 draw with bottom club Almeria last weekend, club general manager Jorge Valdano was reported to have questioned why French international Benzema started the game on the bench.—*Internet*



Real Madrid's Brazilian midfielder Kaka

Benzema's position at the club has come the spot-



Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp

Petric's goal gives Hamburg 1-0 win over Frankfurt

BERLIN, 22 Jan—Mladen Petric slid in to meet a low in-swinging cross from Anis Ben-Hatira in the 65th minute, giving Hamburg a 1-0 win over visiting Eintracht Frankfurt in the Bundesliga on Friday night.

American Ricardo Clark started his fourth straight match for Frankfurt. Hamburg (9-7-3) moved into sixth place with 30 points, 16 behind first-place Borussia Dortmund (15-2-1). Frankfurt (8-9-2) is eighth with 26 points.— *Internet*



Hamburg's Anis Ben-Hatira, right, challenges Frankfurt's Benjamin Koehler during the German first division Bundesliga soccer match between Hamburger SV and Eintracht Frankfurt in Hamburg, Germany. INTERNET

Redknapp mugged at Madrid derby

LONDON, 22 Jan—Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp said he was mugged by a gang of thieves at the Madrid derby, losing his money and credit cards. The Spurs boss and his assistant Kevin Bond were at Atletico Madrid's Vicente Calderon stadium for the Spanish Cup

quarter-final second leg against city rivals Real Madrid on Thursday.

But as Redknapp and Bond walked around the stadium before kick-off, they were attacked.

Internet

Wenger says 'lucky' United can stay unbeaten



Arsene Wenger, Manager of Arsenal

had luck on their side. "Do you ask me can they still do it?" Wenger is quoted by Saturday's Guardian newspaper.

"Certainly, because they have not been beaten yet. Have they been a bit lucky until now? Certainly, but we'll see. "You really think about winning the championship but with five games to go, you think about: 'Oh, we can add something to that'. That's what happened with us. But you don't think about that with 16 games to go."—*Internet*

LONDON, 22 Jan—Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger believes that Manchester United could match his achievement of seven seasons ago by completing a Premier League season unbeaten, but believes the Old Trafford giants have

Murray, Zvonareva advance to 4th round, Tsonga out

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan—Andy Murray moved another step closer to consecutive Australian Open finals, routing Guillermo Garcia Lopez 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 on Saturday in the third round of the year's first major. Fifth-seeded Murray, who lost the 2010 final to Roger Federer, has lost just 17 games through three rounds.

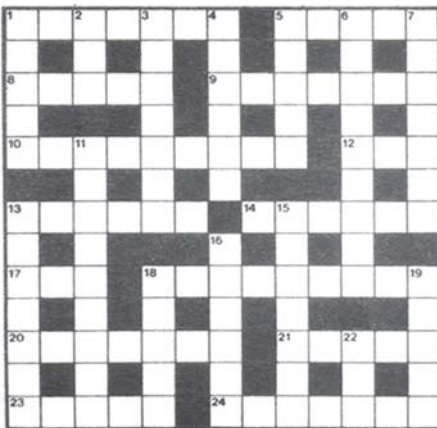
Vera Zvonareva kept alive her bid for a third consecutive Grand Slam final, beating Lucie Safarova 6-3, 7-6 (9) on Saturday to reach the fourth round of the Australian Open.

Internet



Andy Murray of Britain

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Investment funds
- 5 Hungarian composer
- 8 Spring flower
- 9 Grew vigorously
- 10 Breathe in (anag.)
- 12 Sprint
- 13 Ailment
- 14 Negligent
- 17 Island in the Irish Sea
- 18 Plenty
- 20 Abounding in riches
- 21 Scope
- 23 Board game
- 24 Regal dignity

DOWN

- 1 Ensnares
- 2 Buddy
- 3 Came to a point
- 4 Deadly
- 5 Spacious
- 6 Gold coin
- 7 News
- 11 Able to speak two languages
- 13 Enormous
- 15 Past one's prime
- 16 Stringed instrument
- 18 Battleground
- 19 Pensive poem
- 22 No score

S P O R T S

Vickers back behind the wheel after medical scare

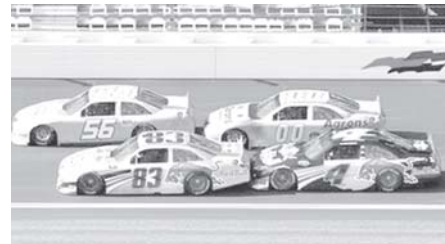
DAYTONA BEACH, 22 Jan—After eight months away from racing, Brian Vickers is back and ready to run a full season. Vickers stepped away from NASCAR last year after doctors found clots in his leg and lungs. Treatment included blood thinners, two procedures to close a hole in his heart and the insertion of a stent into his left leg.

He considered quitting, but decided to return for the 2011 season because of his "love for racing." He says win or lose, "I'm happy to be back." Vickers got back in his No. 83 Toyota for the first time during a private test in Orlando last week. He turned even more laps at NASCAR's three-day open test at Daytona. He finished treatment in November and has been cleared to race a full-time schedule without limitations.— *Internet*

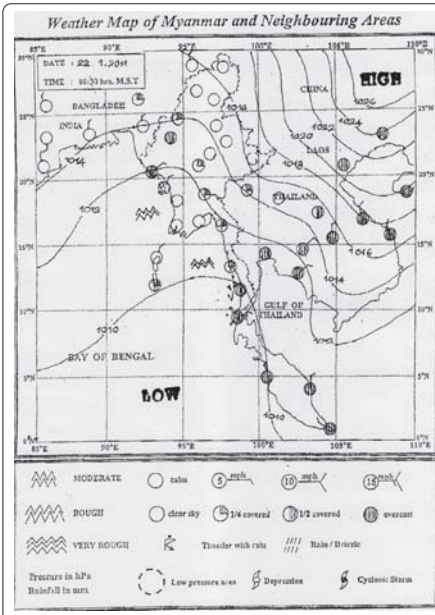
Benitez lost Inter dressing room, says Eto'o

ROME, 22 Jan—Cameroon international striker Samuel Eto'o on Friday revealed that his former Inter Milan coach Rafael Benitez was sacked after losing part of the dressing room.

"What mistake did Benitez make? Until the match against Juventus (a 0-0 draw on 3 October) we had been playing well. Then something happened in the dressing room, which I will keep to myself, and things ended up as they did," said Eto'o in allusion to Benitez's sacking just before Christmas despite winning the World Club Cup.—*Internet*



NASCAR drivers Kasey Kahne (4), Brian Vickers (83), Martin Truex Jr (56), and David Reutimann (00), participate in the afternoon bump-drafting session during auto racing testing at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.— INTERNET



WEATHER

Saturday, 22nd January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy over Kachin 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, Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, (6°C) below January average temperature in upper Sagaing Region and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Lashio, Namhsan Pinlaung and Heho (2°C) each, Patuo (3°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 21-1-2011 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 22-1-2011 was 56°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-1-2011 was (81%). Rainfall on 22-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 21-1-2011 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 22-1-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-1-2011

was (45%). Total sunshine hours on 21-1-2011 was (10.0) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 22-1-2011 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 Northeast at (11:30) hours MST on 21-1-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is generally fair in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 23rd January 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region, weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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 23-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Wolverhampton Wanderers 0-3 Liverpool

LIVERPOOL 22 Jan— Liverpool secured their first win since Kenny Dalglish took over as manager from Roy Hodgson.

Fernando Torres slotted the Reds in front at Wolverhampton Wanderers with a simple finish after being set up by Raul Meireles on 36 minutes.

Meireles himself added the second five minutes after the break

with a stunning strike. Daniel Agger's long punt forward was only partially headed clear by Christophe Berra, under pressure from Dirk Kuyt, and Meireles lashed a brilliant dipping 25-yard volley inside Wayne Hennessey's left-hand post.

Torres wrapped up the victory with another close-range tap-in in stoppage-time following a break by Kuyt.—Internet



Liverpool's Fernando Torres, right, controls the ball during an English Premier League soccer match against Wolverhampton Wanderers at Molineux, Wolverhampton, England, on 22 Jan. 2011.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (23-1-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	(23-1-11 09:30 am ~ 24-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Sightseeing Around Taunggyi, Inlay
- * News
- * 2010 Korea Film Festival
- * News
- * Kid's Talent (Story Telling & Dancing)
- * Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Soure Soup with Fish Head"
- * News
- * Mandalay cultural Museum
- * The King of Musical Instruments

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
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- * Kid's Talent (Story Telling & Dancing)
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- * News
- * Mandalay Cultural Museum
- * The King of Musical Instruments
- * Academy Programme "Myanma Motion Picture Academy Awards for 2009"
- * Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Awards Presentation (2009)
- * News
- * The Divine Beverage For You!
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Photography: The Art of Framing the Nature
- * News
- * Glimpse at the Architecture (The Dhammayangyi)
- * Myanmar Movies "I miss you painfully"

Donate Blood



Sunday, 23 January View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw Uppatthandi 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. (38) Phyar Mingalars

8:10 am

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:15 am

8. Song Of National Races

8:25 am

9. Musical Programme

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Teleplay (Traffic)

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

11:30 am

4. TV Drama Series

12:20 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:45 pm

6. Myanmar Movies

2:50 pm

7. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Songs For Upholding National Sprit

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme

5:00 pm

4. 2009 Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) (Live)

8:00 pm

5. News
6. International News
7. Weather Report
8. 2009 Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) (Delay)
9. TV Drama Series

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

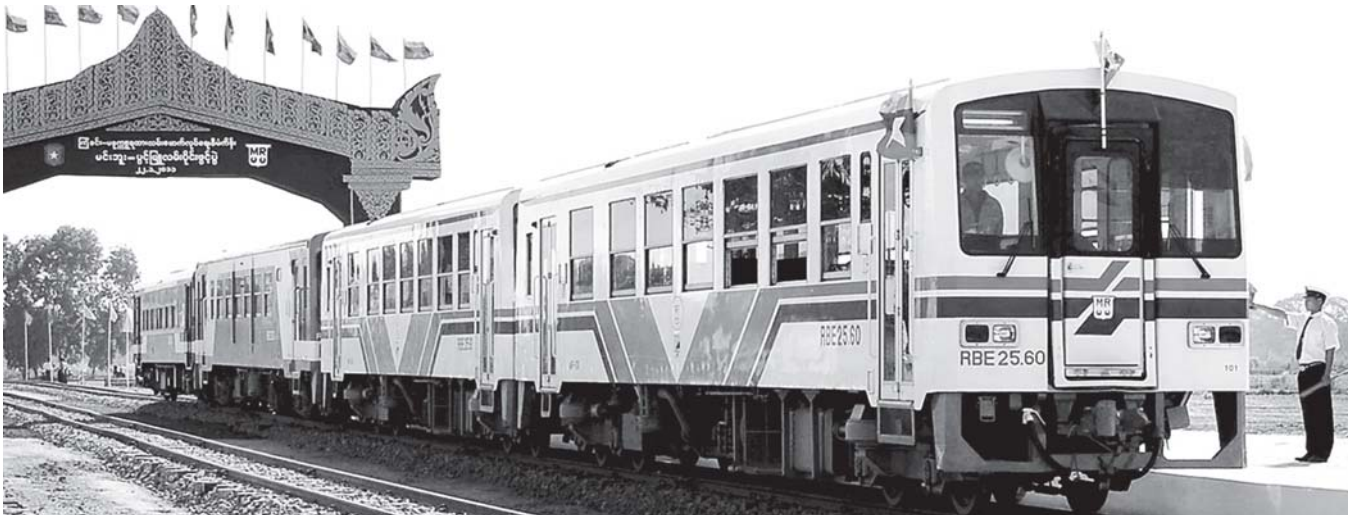
- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

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

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

Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project commissioned into service



A train starts running on Minbu-Pwintbyu section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—A ceremony to inaugurate Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project, built by Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation, was held at the pandal in Minbu Station yard in Minbu Township this morning. Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung and Chairman of Magway Region Peace and Development U Phone

Maw Shwe addressed the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that greater efforts are to be made for construction of infrastructures through correct ways for ensuring long-term interest of the State and further strengthening friendly relations among the national races.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the minister said that Pathein-Monywa Road

has been constructed on the west bank of Ayeyawady River, so local people have easy access to all regions through motor way. In the past, the railroad stretched only from Pathein to Kyangin. Now, sections of 320 miles long Kyangin-Pakokku railroad are under construction, and today, the 20 miles long Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section was inaugurated as the 9th facility of its kind. On completion of Yawchaung-Kyunchaung section and Pwintbyu-Hsinbyukyun (See page 10)